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## FOREWORD

Father Dominic Gerlach and Charles Schuttrow prepared the following essays as part of Saint Joseph's College's participation in the Bicentennial Year of 1976.


While we recognize that the material is not ready for a formal publication, we still realize that it contains information and sidelights not available anywhere else.

For that reason we offer this to some of those most intimately connected with the College and its mission, its "Dedication to a Cause", the cause of Catholic higher education.

This limited edition must hold until we are ready for our own centennial in 1989!

  
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President



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## SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ---- DEDICATION TO A CAUSE

A COLLEGE IS COMPRISED OF PERSONS RANGING FROM ADMINIS-  
TRATORS TO FACULTY TO STUDENTS AND ALUMNI TO PARENTS TO FRIENDS.

TYPES OF PERSONALITIES COVER A STAGGERING RANGE, YET AT  
SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE A COMMON DENOMINATOR STANDS OUT AMONG  
THE MANY PERSONS WHO HAVE WORKED AT, STUDIED AT, AND LOVED  
SAINT JOSEPH'S.

THAT COMMON THEME IS DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION, MOST READILY MANIFESTED BY HARD WORK. LONG HOURS  
OF EFFORT HAVE BEEN COMMON TO THE PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED  
THE CAMPUS WITH DISTINCTION AND IT IS TO THEM THAT THIS BOOK-  
LET IS DEDICATED.

THIS VOLUME INCLUDES A SERIES OF ARTICLES AND PICTURES  
THAT WERE PUBLISHED AS PART OF SAINT JOSEPH'S PARTICIPATION  
IN THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF 1976, THOUGH THE ENCLOSED MATERIAL  
WAS PUBLISHED AS EARLY AS DECEMBER, 1975 AND AS LATE AS JUNE,  
1977.

IT IS HOPED THAT THIS VOLUME WILL ASSUME ITS RIGHTFUL  
PLACE IN COLLEGE HISTORY, HELPING TO TELL THE STORY OF SAINT  
JOSEPH'S FROM ITS EARLIEST FORMATIVE YEARS THROUGH THE OCCASION  
OF THIS NATION'S BICENTENNIAL, NOT ONLY FOR NOW, BUT FOR FUTURE  
RESEARCHERS WHO MAY FIND THIS BOOK A VALUABLE TOOL IN RECALLING  
EVENTS AND PERSONS FOR THE SAKE OF POSTERITY.

WHAT YOU READ HERE IS NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS A COMPRE-  
HENSIVE HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND THE PERSONS COVERED  
HEREIN WERE NOT NECESSARILY CHOSEN FOR INCLUSION BECAUSE THEY



ARE REGARDED AS THE "MOST IMPORTANT" IN THIS SCHOOL'S HISTORY.

RATHER THESE PERSONS HAVE BEEN RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM ALL WALKS OF CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT, PAST AND PRESENT, BECAUSE THEY READILY CAPTURE THE SPIRIT, DRIVE, AND UNIQUE PERSONAL FLAVOR THAT HAS MADE SAINT JOSEPH'S WHAT IT IS TODAY.

IN FACT, THE OVERALL VOLUME SEEKS ONLY TO ADD TO AN AWARENESS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S HISTORY AND TRADITIONS BY BRINGING TO LIGHT MANY NEVER-BEFORE-PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND PICTURES.

IN SUCH CONSIDERATION, IT WOULD BE PATENTLY UNFAIR TO SINGLE OUT OR TERM SPECIFIC CAMPUS PERSONNEL OR EVENTS AS BEING "MORE IMPORTANT" THAN ANY OTHERS.

EVERYONE ON THIS CAMPUS, PAST AND PRESENT, HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO THE GROWTH OF THE COLLEGE, WHICH TODAY STANDS AS A FITTING TESTIMONIAL TO THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE COLLECTIVELY HELPED TO MAKE SAINT JOSEPH'S THE OUTSTANDING COLLEGE IT IS.

MAY THESE ARTICLES AND PICTURES MAKE YOUR MEMORIES MOST TREASURED, AND MAY YOUR TREASURES INDEED BE THESE MEMORIES.

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SUBJECT: SOCIETY THAT OPERATES SAINT JOSEPH'S DATES BACK TO 1815

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- FOR MANY YEARS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, IT HAS BEEN A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IS THE RELIGIOUS ORDER THAT OPERATES THE SCHOOL. AND THOUGH MUCH HAS COME TO LIGHT ABOUT THE COLLEGE'S HISTORY, LITTLE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

ORIGINS OF THE SOCIETY DATE BACK TO AUG. 15, 1815, WHEN ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO BANDED TOGETHER A SMALL GROUP OF SECULAR MISSIONARIES IN GIANO, ITALY, TO RENEW THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT IN ITALY AFTER THE RAVAGES OF FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS AND THE ARMIES OF NAPOLEON.

ST. GASPAR SUFFERED THE USUAL PROBLEMS OF A REFORMER--PROBLEMS WHICH EMANATED FROM THE CHURCH'S OUTSIDE ENEMIES AS WELL AS FROM THE JEALOUSIES OF ENEMIES WITHIN THE CHURCH, AND SO HIS RULE WAS NOT APPROVED UNTIL AFTER HIS DEATH. HIS CAUSE, HOWEVER, GRADUALLY GAINED FERVOR AND HE WAS FINALLY CANONIZED A SAINT IN JUNE, 1954.

THOUGH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY EXISTED ONLY IN ITALY UNTIL 1839, IN THAT YEAR FATHER FRANCIS BRUNNER FOUNDED A BRANCH IN SWITZERLAND. THEN DURING THE WINTER OF 1943, FATHER BRUNNER WITH SEVEN PRIESTS AND SEVEN SEMINARIANS LEFT SWITZERLAND FOR THE UNITED STATES.

THIS GROUP CAME AT THE REQUEST OF BISHOP PURCELL, SECOND BISHOP OF CINCINNATI, TO CARE FOR THE GERMAN SETTLERS IN NORTHERN OHIO. AFTER A YEAR OF MISSION WORK IN THE VICINITY OF PERU IN NORTHEASTERN OHIO, THE MISSIONARIES

EXTENDED THEIR WORK TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE.

FATHER BRUNNER'S MOTHER HAD MEANWHILE ORGANIZED A GROUP OF WOMEN INTO A FEMALE BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY, IN CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (NOW HEADQUARTERED IN DAYTON, OHIO) HAVE EVER SINCE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD FATHERS IN MANY OF THEIR APOSTOLATES. THUS MANY OF THE SISTERS WERE STATIONED BOTH AT DREXEL HALL WHEN IT WAS A MISSION HOUSE DURING 1896-1922, AND AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FROM 1891 TO 1958.

FATHER GREGORY JUSSEL, ONE OF THE PRIESTS OF THE AMERICAN PROVINCE, RETURNED TO EUROPE IN 1922 TO FOUND A GERMAN PROVINCE. EACH OF THESE THREE PRINCIPAL PROVINCES (ITALIAN, AMERICAN GERMAN) EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHED FOREIGN MISSION VICARIATES—THE ITALIANS IN AFRICA, THE GERMANS IN BRAZIL AND SPAIN, AND THE AMERICANS IN CHILE (1947) AND IN PERU (1962), THUS FULFILLING THE INTEREST OF THE FOUNDER, ST. GASPAR, IN THE FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE AMERICAN PROVINCE BECAME THE LARGEST OF THE THREE AND IN 1965 DIVIDED INTO THREE AMERICAN PROVINCES—THE CINCINNATI PROVINCE, THE KANSAS CITY PROVINCE AND THE PACIFIC PROVINCE. IN 1975, THE THREE AMERICAN PROVINCES TOGETHER NUMBERED 398 PRIESTS AND 76 BROTHERS.

THE BROTHERS HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE SOCIETY'S WORK. IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE 19TH CENTURY, THE BROTHERS OUTNUMBERED THE PRIESTS, BUT THEIR ROLE WAS LIMITED LARGELY TO MANUAL LABORS ON THE FARMS AND IN THE SHOPS TO HELP SUPPORT THE SOCIETY'S MAJOR HOUSES.

POPULATION OF THE BROTHERS DECLINED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY, BUT SINCE THEN THEIR NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED. THE BROTHERS HAVE EQUAL STATUS WITH THE PRIESTS AND OCCUPY MORE AND MORE POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE SOCIETY'S APOSTOLATES.





St. Gaspar del Bufalo founded the Society of the Precious Blood, August 15, 1815, in Italy. It was in 1940 that Gaspar Hall [then converted from the Faculty House into a student residence] was named after him. In that same year Xavier Hall was built and named in memory of St. Francis Xavier, the famous 16th century Jesuit missionary, who was both St. Gaspar's patron and the patron saint of the Society.

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA NAMESAKE PRECEDED INDIANA'S SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AT RENSSELAER WAS NOT THE FIRST SCHOOL BY THAT NAME TO BE FOUNDED IN THESE UNITED STATES.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH BEING DONE BY A PRIEST IN THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, IN FACT, INDICATES THAT THE YEAR 1889, FOUNDING DATE OF THE SCHOOL AT RENSSELAER, ALSO MARKED THE CLOSING OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AT ROHNERVILLE, CALIF.

THE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA, ALSO FOUNDED BY THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, WAS INITIATED BY FATHER PATRICK HENNEBERY, A MISSION PRIEST WHO LEFT OHIO IN THE LATE 1860'S TO OPEN A NEW MISSION FIELD IN THE MINING COUNTRY OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

TO GIVE PERMANENCE AND STABILITY TO HIS WORK, HE DECIDED TO BUILD A COLLEGE AFTER THE HOSPITABLE DEGNAN FAMILY DONATED 30 ACRES OF LAND OVERLOOKING THE EEL RIVER. PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION WERE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DONATION, AND THE SCHOOL WAS OPENED IN THE FALL OF 1870.

THIS COLLEGE CONSISTED OF A FRAME BUILDING, BUT IMPOSING IN APPEARANCE-- IT CONSISTED OF TWO FLOORS AND HAD A FRONTAGE OF 166 FEET. ITS BEGINNINGS LOOKED PROMISING INDEED, FOR IN THE SECOND YEAR ENROLLMENT JUMPED FROM 40 TO MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS (COMPARED TO A RISE FROM 54 TO 85 STUDENTS IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE COLLEGE AT RENSSELAER).



ALTHOUGH THE TWO SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGES WERE SIMILAR IN NATURE, THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FROM ITS VERY BEGINNING ACCEPTED BOTH COMMUTING STUDENTS AND NON-CATHOLIC STUDENTS. FATHER HENNEBERY WAS ASSISTED BY FATHER DANIEL DADE FROM VISALIA, CALIF., AND FATHER THOMAS O'NEILL AND FATHER JOSEPH UPHAUS, WHO WERE SENT THERE FROM OHIO. THE CURRICULUM INCLUDED COURSES IN LATIN, FRENCH, SPANISH, ITALIAN; SPECIAL DEGREES IN GERMAN LITERATURE, MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY AND NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

ONE OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS, A PROFESSOR MONTGOMERY, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AN INSTRUCTOR OF THE YOUNGER OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS BEFORE THEY MOVED EAST TO OHIO TO BEGIN EXPERIMENTS THAT LED TO DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPLANE.

ROHNERVILLE WAS A BUSTLING TOWN IN THOSE DAYS, STREETS ANKLE DEEP IN DUST IN THE SUMMER, MUD IN WINTER, WITH CLATTERING BOARD WALKS LAID IN FRONT OF THE MANY HOTELS, STORES AND HOMES. WAGON FREIGHT AND PASSENGER STAGES PASSED THROUGH REGULARLY, GOING TO AND FROM THE MINES AND SEA COAST.

SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER, WAS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY FROM THE OUTSET AND THE SCHOOL OPERATED ONLY FOR A FEW YEARS, FROM 1870-79 AND AGAIN FROM 1886-89. FATHER HENNEBERY MADE MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN MINING CAMPS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL'S MAINTENANCE, AND FINALLY JOURNEYED TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA AND AFTER A SHORT TIME WENT ON TO ENGLAND TO CONTINUE THIS WORK.

IT WAS DURING THE PROLONGED ABSENCE OF FATHER HENNEBERY THAT THE SCHOOL WAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN 1879. THE SCHOOL BUILDING WAS EVENTUALLY TORN DOWN IN 1925.

ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE COLLEGE AND ADJACENT SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT ROHNERVILLE IS A SMALL CHURCH YARD WITH TOMBSTONES, MEMORIALIZING THE FAMILIES WHO WERE THE BACKBONE OF CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIFE. SURROUNDED YET TODAY BY A SMALL IRON FENCE IS THE GRAVE OF FATHER DADE.



FATHER DOMINIC GERLACH, ARCHIVIST AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, NOTES  
"IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE CALIFORNIA EPISODE MUST HAVE BEEN ON THE MINDS  
OF THE MEN WHO FOUNDED THE COLLEGE AT RENSSELAER, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO RE-  
COLLECTION OF SUCH. THE SCHOOL AT RENSSELAER, HOWEVER, WAS SURELY MORE  
LIBERALLY AND CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED BOTH BY THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS  
BLOOD AND THE REGION IN WHICH IT WAS BUILT."

HE INDICATES THAT MORE MAY SOON BE LEARNED ABOUT THE SAINT JOSEPH'S  
COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA BECAUSE FATHER EDMUND BINSFELD, A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY,  
HAS BEEN RESEARCHING THE LIFE OF FATHER PATRICK HENNEBERRY, THE REMARKABLY  
GIFTED PIONEER MISSIONARY WHO LAUNCHED THE COLLEGE AT ROHNERVILLE.

## Rohnerville College Built in 1868-1871



A rare picture of the school which served this area from 1871 to 1889, when it was forced to abandonment because of lack of financial support to keep it in operation.

This picture taken from a newspaper clipping is the only known picture that is extant of the St. Joseph's College in California. This picture was taken after it had been abandoned.



SUBJECT: ORPHAN ASYLUM, LABOR SCHOOL PRECEDED SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- DURING HIS ADDRESS JULY 3 AT THE JASPER COUNTY BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, COLLEGE PRESIDENT FATHER CHARLES BANET NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH SAINT JOSEPH'S WASN'T FOUNDED UNTIL 1889, THE COLLEGE WAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED IN 1874 TO BE LOCATED AT ITS PRESENT SITE.

MOREOVER, THE ORPHANS ASYLUM AND MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL, AS WELL AS THE INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL THAT OCCUPIED THIS SAME SITE, "WERE NATURAL FORE-BEARS OF THE COLLEGE."

WHILE THE HISTORY OF THE INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL HAS ALREADY BEEN DETAILED UPON OCCASION OF ITS SELECTION AS A STATE HISTORICAL SITE IN 1971, THE ATTENTION GIVEN THE ORPHANAGE AND TRAINING SCHOOL OF 1868-87 HAS BEEN LIMITED. WHEN THE LAST ORPHANS (GIRLS) LEFT HERE IN 1887, THREE FRAME BUILDINGS REMAINED ON THE GROUNDS WHERE THE COLLEGE WOULD SOON FOLLOW.

WHERE THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WAS ERECTED, THERE STOOD THE OLDEST STRUCTURE--A LONG, NARROW BUILDING WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT AS A 12-ROOM PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN THE 1850'S. SOUTH OF IT STOOD A SECOND BUILDING BUILT BY BISHOP JOHN LUERS BETWEEN 1868 AND 1872; THE BOTTOM FLOOR WAS USED AS A CHAPEL SERVING BOTH ORPHANS AND AREA CATHOLICS AND THE SECOND FLOOR WAS PARTLY A PRIEST'S RESIDENCE AND PARTLY A DORMITORY FOR ORPHAN BOYS.

A THIRD BUILDING WAS ADDED BY BISHOP JOSEPH DWENGER BETWEEN 1872 AND 1874--IT ALSO HAD TWO FLOORS, WITH THE BOTTOM FLOOR HOUSING CLASSROOMS AND THE UPPER FLOOR SERVING AS A GIRLS' DORMITORY. BESIDES THE PRIEST, WHO WAS ALSO LOCAL PASTOR AND ATTENDED MISSIONS IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, THERE WERE TWO OR THREE HOLY CROSS NUNS TO CARE FOR THE ORPHANS.

THE THIRD BUILDING, SOMETIMES CALLED THE SCHOOL, IS APPARENTLY WHERE CATHOLIC CHILDREN FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAME FOR CLASSES, MAKING IT THE AREA'S FIRST PAROCHIAL SCHOOL. SEVERAL MEN, POSSIBLY NOT MORE THAN TWO OR THREE AT A TIME, OPERATED THE 933-ACRE FARM. SWAMPY LAND PERMITTED ONLY ABOUT A FOURTH OF THE FARM TO BE CULTIVATED.

BOYS FROM THE ORPHANAGE WERE REMOVED TO A NEW AND IMPRESSIVE BUILDING IN LAFAYETTE IN 1876, AND 11 YEARS LATER THE GIRLS WERE MOVED TO FORT WAYNE. THE DIOCESAN ORPHANAGE WAS ORIGINALLY LOCATED HERE RATHER THAN IN A CITY DUE TO A LACK OF FUNDS, AND IT WAS SIMPLY EASIER TO TAKE OVER A LARGE FARM HOME THAN TO UNDERTAKE NEW CONSTRUCTION.

NEVERTHELESS, THE LOCATION AT THAT TIME WAS POOR, SINCE NO RAILROAD CAME THROUGH RENSSELAER UNTIL THE 1880'S. EVEN UPON ITS OPENING IN 1868, THE ORPHANAGE WAS MEANT TO BE TEMPORARY.

ON THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 15, 1888, THE ONLY RESIDENTS AT THE ORPHANAGE WERE SEVERAL HIRED WORKERS (THE INDIAN SCHOOL HAD JUST OPENED THAT MONTH). THE CHAPEL BUILDING WAS NOT USED FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES AFTER THE ORPHAN GIRLS LEFT AND SOME ITEMS INTENDED FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL, ESPECIALLY CLOTHING, WERE TEMPORARILY STORED IN THE OLDEST ORPHAN BUILDING.

THAT NIGHT, FIRE DESTROYED THAT OLDEST BUILDING, THE ONE CLOSEST TO THE MUD ROAD THAT IS NOW U.S. 231, AND FIRE FIGHTERS FROM RENSSELAER HELPED SAVE THE OTHER TWO BUILDINGS.

WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SOUTH PART) WAS BUILT IN 1891, THE OTHER TWO FRAME BUILDINGS WERE MOVED TO BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THE CHAPEL WAS MOVED TO A SPOT ROUGHLY MID-WAY BETWEEN THE CURRENT POWERHOUSE AND POST OFFICE AND WAS CONVERTED INTO A CARPENTER SHOP AND A ROOM WHERE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY SEMINARIANS KEPT THEIR WORK CLOTHES AND PRESUMABLY RECEIVED THEIR JOB ASSIGNMENTS EACH DAY.

THE SECOND BUILDING, THE NEWEST ONE THAT WAS CALLED THE SCHOOL, STOOD POSSIBLY DIRECTLY WEST OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IT WAS MOVED NORTH TO WHERE MERLINI HALL NOW STANDS. A SOLID STRUCTURE, ITS SIDING AND ROOF WAS RENEWED AND THE INTERIOR WAS REMADE IN THE SUMMER OF 1894 SO THAT IT CONTAINED TEN ROOMS PLUS A BASEMENT AND ATTIC.

AT FIRST, THE REMODELED BUILDING WAS A RESIDENCE FOR PRECIOUS BLOOD BROTHERS, ALTHOUGH ITS USE WAS GRADUALLY ALTERED. FOR EXAMPLE, A SHOE REPAIR SHOP AND BOOK BINDERY WERE HOUSED THERE FOR A TIME.

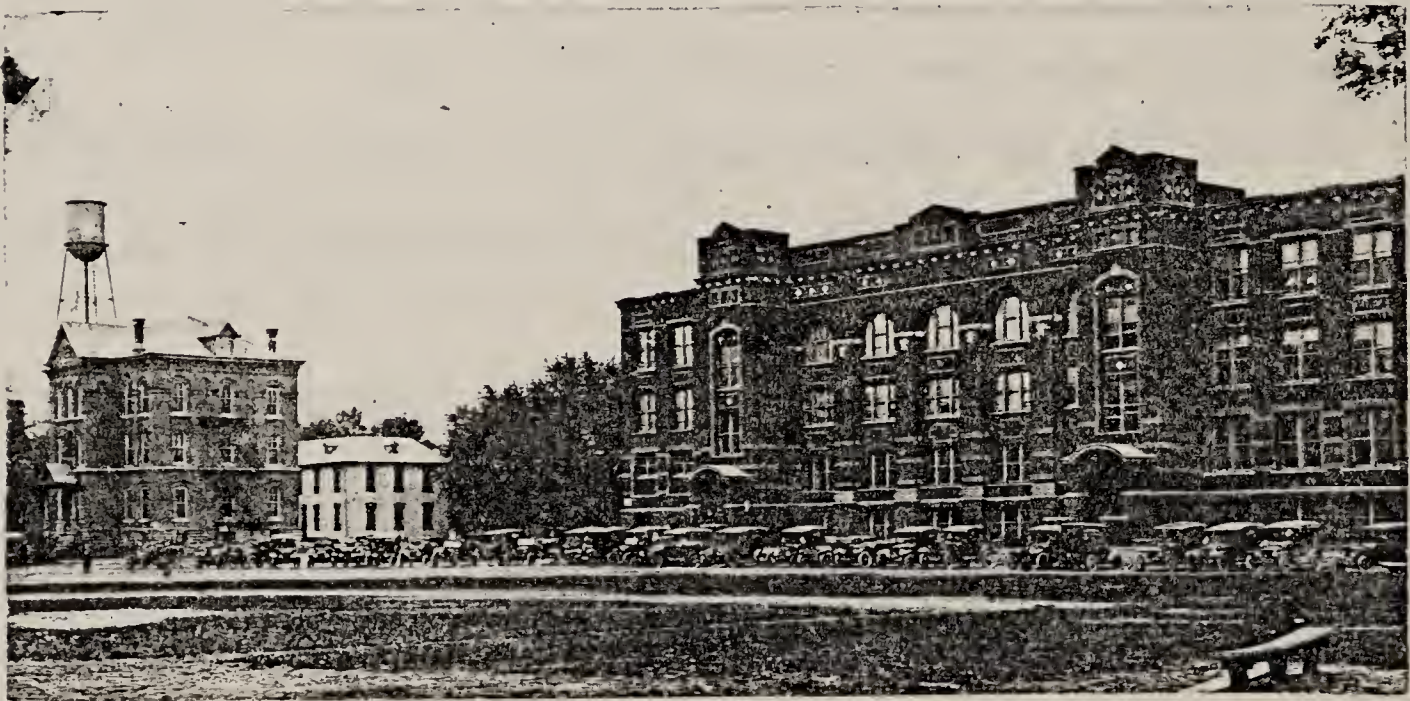
IN 1923, WHEN THE PRESENT POWERHOUSE WAS COMPLETED, THE BROTHERS MOVED INTO THE ROOMS ABOVE THE POWERHOUSE WHILE LAYMEN WORKERS ON THE CAMPUS REMAINED IN THE OLD ORPHAN BUILDING.

THIS LAST PHYSICAL REMINDER OF THE ORPHANS ASYLUM AND MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL WAS REMOVED IN THE SUMMER OF 1940 WHEN IT WAS TORN DOWN TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MERLINI HALL, WHICH WAS THEN CALLED NOLL HALL.





Of the three orphan buildings described only two remained long enough to be photographed. The orphan chapel [above] was torn down Aug. 5, 1915. This demolition scene is the only picture extant of what was the first Catholic house of worship in Jasper County.



The orphan school building was the newest and in best condition when the college was built, and so it was converted into a residence building for Brothers and lay workers until it was torn down in 1940 to make room for the building of Merlini [then Noll] Hall. It appears frequently on photographs, but only as part of the background scenery.



SUBJECT: MSGR. STEPHAN BOOSTED SAINT JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE, INDIAN SCHOOL

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- A PIONEERING SPIRIT DEDICATED TO EDUCATION EXISTED ON THE GROUNDS WHERE SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NOW STANDS WELL BEFORE THE COLLEGE WAS FOUNDED IN 1889, AND ONE OF THE FOREMOST OF THESE PIONEERS WAS THE RT. REV. MSGR. JOSEPH A. STEPHAN.

MSGR. STEPHAN, A NATIVE OF GISSIGHEIM, BADEN IN GERMANY, IS ASSOCIATED WITH RENSSELAER DURING 1868-70 AND 1888-96, AND DURING THAT FIRST PERIOD, HE WAS THE INITIAL DIRECTOR OF THE SAINT JOSEPH'S ORPHAN ASYLUM AND MANUAL LABOR SCHOOL AS WELL AS PASTOR OF THE LOCAL PARISH CHURCH, WHICH WAS ACTUALLY THE ORPHANAGE CHAPEL. HE ALSO CARED FOR SEVERAL MISSIONS IN THE VICINITY.

MSGR. STEPHAN'S INTERESTS WERE NOT LIMITED TO STRICTLY CHURCH DUTIES, AS A REFERENCE TO HIM THE RENSSELAER UNION OF MAR. 26, 1870, INDICATES THAT HE WAS ONE OF TWO DIRECTORS OF THE "INDIANAPOLIS, DELPHI AND CHICAGO RAILROAD FOR JASPER COUNTY."

IN 1888, HE HAS ALREADY BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND IN THAT SAME YEAR HE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE THE 420 ACRES ON WHICH DREXEL HALL NOW STANDS AND HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUILDING AND OPERATION OF THE INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL THERE. HE WAS NOT HERE PERSONALLY DURING 1888-96, BUT HE VISITED SEVERAL TIMES TO UPDATE HIMSELF ON THE SCHOOL'S DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

A MAN OF MANY TALENTS AND A MAN OF ACTION, MSGR. STEPHAN EMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1847, LIKELY DRAWN TO HIS WORK HERE BY THE MANY GERMAN

IMMIGRANTS WHO HAD COME AND WERE STILL PLANNING TO COME.

HIS FIRST CONCERN WAS UNQUESTIONABLY THE PRESERVATION OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH OF THESE IMMIGRANTS, AND HE WAS TRULY A PIONEER MISSIONARY IN HIS DUTIES HERE IN INDIANA. THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1857, COVERING ALMOST THE NORTHERN THIRD OF THE STATE, AND FOR MSGR. STEPHAN CONDITIONS WERE PROBABLY QUITE PRIMITIVE.

HIS GERMAN SCHOOL TRAINING IN ENGINEERING WAS EVIDENTLY VERY USEFUL TO HIM HERE. HE SURVEYED AREAS ADJOINING THE KANKAKEE RIVER AND ARRANGED FOR THE SALE OF LANDS TO CATHOLIC SETTLERS IN THE VICINITY, A MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE IRISH, FRENCH, GERMAN AND CZECH.

FOR A BRIEF PERIOD HE SERVED AS CHAPLAIN FOR THE UNION FORCES IN THE CIVIL WAR AND HE PUT HIS ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE TO USE IN HELPING SOLDIERS BUILD PONTOON BRIDGES ACROSS RIVERS AT POTENTIAL STRATEGIC BATTLEFIELDS. HIS WORK WAS RECOGNIZED OFFICIALLY BY GENERALS GRANT AND SHERIDAN.

AFTER COMPLETING HIS TERM AS DIRECTOR OF THE ORPHANAGE HERE IN 1870, MSGR. STEPHAN TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THOSE INDIANS UNDER THE CHARGE OF CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES. HE SERVED AS GOVERNMENT INDIAN AGENT AT THE STANDING ROCK RESERVATION IN THE DAKOTAS (SIOUX INDIANS) DURING 1877-80, THEN BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS IN 1884, A POST HE HELD UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1901.

NAMED A MONSIGNOR IN 1896, HE NOT ONLY OVERSAW THE BUILDING OF THE INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL AT RENSSELAER, BUT ULTIMATELY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR UP TO 60 CATHOLIC INDIAN SCHOOLS IN THE WEST.

ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD AT CINCINNATI IN 1849, THE CENTER OF MSGR. STEPHAN'S WORK DURING 1856-77 WAS SAN PIERRE, IND., WHERE HE DID MISSIONARY WORK AMONG SETTLERS AND INDIANS EXCEPT FOR HIS YEARS IN THE CIVIL WAR (1861-64) AND AT THE RENSSELAER ORPHANAGE (1868-70). PARISHONERS AT SAN PIERRE SALUTED HIS MEMORY DURING A SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL SERVICE THERE LAST JUNE 27.



SUBJECT: SJC's DREXEL HALL UNDERSCORES COLLEGE HERITAGE, EDUCATIONAL MISSION

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- DURING ITS 20TH CENTURY GROWTH AS AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, ALL OF SAINT JOSEPH'S DORMITORIES, CLASSROOMS AND RELATED FACILITIES HAVE BEEN NEATLY PLACED ON SEVERAL ACRES JUST WEST OF U.S. 231.

ONE STRUCTURE, HOWEVER, CAME BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CURRENT CENTURY AND IT STANDS ALONE, EXCEPT FOR SEVERAL ADJACENT FARM BUILDINGS, AS THE ONLY CAMPUS EDIFICE EAST OF THE HIGHWAY.

DREXEL HALL, NAMED AFTER PHILADELPHIA BANKING HEIRESS KATHARINE DREXEL, WHO DONATED A LARGE PORTION OF THE FUNDS NEEDED TO BUILD IT, COULD BE VIEWED AS A FORGOTTEN STRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY DURING MAY TO OCTOBER WHEN A HANDSOME GROVE OF TREES HIDES IT FROM THE REST OF THE CAMPUS.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE. DREXEL IS AN HISTORIC STRUCTURE THAT UNDERSCORES THE RICH HERITAGE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, AND IT WAS A FORERUNNER OF THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION THAT PRODS THE SCHOOL FORWARD WITH EACH PASSING DAY.

MOREOVER, IT WAS HERE THAT THE COLLEGE'S FOUNDING FATHERS ESTABLISHED AND DEVELOPED THEIR COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION--A COMMITMENT STILL GROWING TODAY.

AS THIS NATION'S BICENTENNIAL APPROACHES, INCREASING NUMBERS OF AMERICANS ARE TAKING NOTE OF HISTORIC ITEMS, AND IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE CARS FROM VARIOUS STATES STOPPED NEAR SAINT JOSEPH'S ENTRANCE, READING THE HISTORICAL MARKER THAT TELLS A BRIEF STORY OF DREXEL HALL'S SERVICE DURING 1888-96 AS THE HOME OF THE SAINT JOSEPH'S INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL.

COLLEGE AND AREA HISTORIANS HAVE ALREADY DOCUMENTED THE HISTORY OF THE

INDIAN SCHOOL IN DETAIL, AND FOR THIS REASON THE BUILDING WAS DECLARED AN OFFICIAL STATE HISTORICAL SITE OCT. 5, 1971.

MORE PERTINENT, HOWEVER, AS THE BICENTENNIAL APPROACHES IS A REFLECTION ON HOW DREXEL TIES SAINT JOSEPH'S TO THE VERY HERITAGE OF THIS NATION.

FOR EIGHT YEARS, DREXEL WAS A SOURCE OF TRAINING FOR AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN. IT SEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT EDUCATION ON THESE GROUNDS ONE MILE SOUTH OF RENSSELAER SHOULD HAVE STARTED WITH THE INDIAN--THE MARVELOUSLY CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, RESOURCEFUL INDIAN WHO SO EXPERTLY CONVERTED THE FORCES OF NATURE AND THIS LAND INTO A CULTURE THAT TODAY FASCINATES HISTORIANS AND ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

WITH THE FOUNDING OF SAINT JOSEPH'S IN 1869, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT EDUCATION WOULD CONTINUE ON THESE GROUNDS EVEN IF THE INDIAN SCHOOL WERE TO CLOSE. SEVEN YEARS LATER THE INDIAN SCHOOL DID CLOSE, BUT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO A CAUSE HAD BEEN INFUSED IN THE PRIESTS WHO LABORED THERE.

THESE SAME QUALITIES HELPED SAINT JOSEPH'S SURMOUNT THE MANY PROBLEMS OF ITS FORMATIVE YEARS AND EVEN TODAY THAT SPIRIT OF WORK AND DEDICATION IS AN EAR-MARK OF COLLEGE PERSONNEL.

A PEACEFUL MOUNTAIN STREAM, A SECLUDED HIDEAWAY--THESE AND MANY OTHER SITES CAN BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH TO PEOPLE.

FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, DREXEL HALL IS THAT SOURCE OF STRENGTH, REMINDING ITS ADMINISTRATORS, EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS THAT THE CAUSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION HERE STARTED LONG AGO, SURVIVED MANY RUGGED EARLY YEARS, AND NOW CAN CERTAINLY OVERCOME CHALLENGES POSED BY THE LAST QUARTER OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

AND MUCH AS DREXEL HALL STANDS EAST OF U.S. 231 IN A DIGNIFIED SOLITUDE, IT ALSO STANDS APART FROM MOST OTHER HISTORICAL SITES THAT ARE PLACED UNDER GLASS OR BEHIND RAILINGS WITH PROMINENT "DO NOT TOUCH" SIGNS SURROUNDING THEM.

STILL TODAY, DREXEL CONTINUES TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS A DORMITORY, HOUSING APPROXIMATELY 110 STUDENTS. THIS IS ONE HISTORICAL SITE WHOSE HISTORY IS STILL BEING WRITTEN.





Msgr. Joseph Stephan and Mother Katharine Drexel [foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People] were the ones who respectively planned and financed the building of this Indian school. Drexel Hall stands as a relic of an era when these two people dominated nationwide the Catholic Indian mission schools.



ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL, 1888-1896

DIRECTLY BEHIND THE MAIN BUILDING (EAST) ARE THE ICEHOUSE  
AND TO THE EXTREME RIGHT THE MANUAL TRAINING SHOP





SEVERAL INDIAN PUPILS IN THEIR NATIVE DRESS



ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL PUPILS, 1892-1893

A BEFORE and AFTER picture of what the Indian School was trying to achieve for the Indians.



SUBJECT: HOW SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS STARTED AT RENSSELAER, NOT FOWLER

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN BISHOP JOSEPH DWENGER OF FORT WAYNE FIRST SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH A COLLEGE IN HIS DIOCESE, HE APPROACHED THE BENEDICTINES TO DISCUSS A PIECE OF LAND OFFERED NOT AT RENSSELAER, BUT AT FOWLER, IND.

THE RENSSELAER UNION OF DEC. 2, 1875, NOTED THAT HE "HAS ENGAGED TO ERECT A COLLEGE AT FOWLER," AND THE CATHOLIC TELEGRAPH ADDED THAT MOSES FOWLER OF LAFAYETTE HAD DONATED 320 ACRES FOR A BENEDICTINE CONVENT AND COLLEGE. IT WAS FORECAST THAT THE ABBEY OF ST. BONIFACE IN MUNICH AND ST. MEINRAD IN INDIANA WOULD UNITE TO ESTABLISH THE INSTITUTION, BOOSTED BY A \$75,000 DONATION.

ST. MEINRAD'S HISTORY RECALLS THAT THE BENEDICTINES WERE ORIGINALLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS PROJECT, BUT THEN IT NOTES THAT THE DONOR OF THE LAND "DID NOT ENJOY THE BEST REPUTATION AND HAD ATTACHED CERTAIN UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS TO THE GIFT." SUBSEQUENTLY, THE BENEDICTINES REJECTED BISHOP DWENGER'S OFFER AND ACCEPTED ANOTHER ONE FOR THE FOUNDING OF A MONASTERY IN CROWN POINT. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS LATER SQUELCHED THAT VENTURE.

IN 1888, BISHOP DWENGER REFUSED THE BENEDICTINES PERMISSION TO TAKE OVER THE NEWLY-BUILT INDIAN SCHOOL AT RENSSELAER AND IN A LETTER TO THE ABBOT OF ST. VINCENT'S ARCHABBAY IN LATROBE, PA., HE REVIEWED HIS DISAPPOINTMENTS OVER SEVERAL OFFERINGS OF LAND FOR PROJECTS THE BENEDICTINES HAD DECLINED.

CONCLUDING HIS LETTER, BISHOP DWENGER SAYS "NOW THE FATHERS OF THE

PRECIOUS BLOOD HAVE ACCEPTED IT (THE LAND AT RENSSELAER) AND WILL COMMENCE THERE A STRICTLY CATHOLIC COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY SEMINARY." In 1886, BISHOP DWENGER HAD COMPLETED ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE IN FORT WAYNE FOR GIRLS, AND IN THAT YEAR THE LAST OF THE ORPHANS AT RENSSELAER WERE TRANSFERRED TO FORT WAYNE; IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THEN IS WHEN HE RENEWED HIS OFFER TO THE BENEDICTINES TO COME TO RENSSELAER.

EARLIEST RECORDS OF CONTACT BETWEEN BISHOP DWENGER AND THE PRECIOUS BLOOD ARE DATED 1877, JUST TWO YEARS AFTER HE FIRST APPROACHED THE BENEDICTINES. HE OFFERED THE ORPHAN FARM PROPERTY AT RENSSELAER, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR IF HE INTENDED THE SOCIETY TO FOUND A COLLEGE HERE AT THAT TIME.

HOWEVER, THIS OFFER MET WITH DISAPPOINTMENT BECAUSE THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT THIS TIME DECLINED TO ACCEPT BECAUSE IT FELT THE VENTURE COULD NOT SUCCEED. FATHER AUSTERMANN, CPPS PROVINCIAL, CITED THE POOR CONDITION OF THE LAND, THE BURDEN OF CARING FOR THE ORPHANS, AND THE SMALLNESS OF THE PARISH WHERE THE BISHOP EXPECTED A CHURCH TO BE BUILT AS REASONS FOR REJECTING THE OFFER.

OTHER PERTINENT FACTS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED IN RECENT RESEARCH, AMONG THEM THIS: THE BISHOP HAD AROUND 1874 PRACTICALLY COMPELLED THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A SCHOOL LIKEWISE CALLED SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE THAT HAD FAILED AFTER BEING BUILT IN 1870 IN ROHNERVILLE, CALIF. WHETHER THE FINANCIAL BURDEN WAS STAGGERING COULD BE DEBATABLE, BUT IT IS EASY TO SEE WHY FATHER AUSTERMANN WAS NOT EAGER TO OBLIGE THE BISHOP IN 1877.

IN 1880, FATHER HENRY DREES BECAME CPPS PROVINCIAL. HE WAS MORE DISPOSED TO BISHOP DWENGER, THOUGH IT WAS REPORTED IN 1886 THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO FOUND A COLLEGE IN OHIO, WHERE THE SOCIETY HAD MOST OF ITS PERSONNEL, PLUS SOME PROPERTY. A LACK OF FUNDS, HOWEVER, KILLED THE OHIO PROJECT.

WITH THE ORPHAN FARM NOW EMPTY, BISHOP DWENGER APPROACHED THE SOCIETY,

PROBABLY IN 1886, AND TO THE CPPS, THE SITUATION AT RENSSELAER HAD NOW CHANGED. ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HAD BEEN BUILT IN 1883; A RAILROAD HAD BEEN BUILT THROUGH THE TOWN, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY THE DIRECTION OF THE INDIAN SCHOOL WAS OFFERED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD. THIS WAS NOT ANTICIPATED AS A FINANCIAL BURDEN.

CONSEQUENTLY, IN A LETTER OF JAN. 10, 1888, FATHER DREES ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THE BISHOP'S OFFER OF 320 ACRES OF LAND TOGETHER WITH THE ORPHAN BUILDINGS, ON WHICH THE SOCIETY OBLIGATED ITSELF TO BUILD AND STAFF A COLLEGE ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF THE BISHOP.

THE BISHOP DID NOT GIVE THE SOCIETY THE ENTIRE FARM, FOR HE SOLD 420 ACRES TO THE BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS AND TRANSFERRED APPROXIMATELY ANOTHER 200 ACRES TO TWO PRIVATE FARMERS. BUT THE RESULT WAS THAT THE BISHOP FINALLY ATTAINED HIS GOAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MONASTIC-TYPE SCHOOL THAT WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY CATHOLIC AND SERVE HIS SET PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A CLASSICAL TRAINING FOR PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS AND INCIDENTALLY A BOARDING HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION TO OTHER CATHOLIC YOUTHS.

THUS THE NAME OF "JOSEPH" FOR THE COLLEGE WAS JUSTIFIABLY CHOSEN, FOR IT WAS THE PRODUCT OF BISHOP JOSEPH DWENGER'S EFFORTS IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND FOR THE FIRST 45 YEARS OF THE SCHOOL'S EXISTENCE, THE COLLEGE CONTINUED TO ADHERE TO HIS PLANS.

MOREOVER, THE COLLEGE WAS TRUE TO THE SPIRIT OF MAN: DWENGER WAS AUTOCRATIC, AGGRESSIVE, GRUFF, DETERMINED, SHREWD, BUT DEEPLY PIOUS AND ULTIMATELY KIND. THE CHARACTER OF THE EARLY PRESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT, AND THE TYPE OF DISCIPLINE THAT GOVERNED THE STUDENT BODY, CAN EASILY BEEN SEEN AS A REFLECTION OF THE PERSONALITY OF BISHOP DWENGER.



SUBJECT: BISHOP JOSEPH DWENGER SPARKED START OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — SHORTLY AFTER FIRE DESTROYED SAINT JOSEPH'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON FEB. 4, 1973, THE STRUCTURE'S CORNERSTONE WAS OPENED, REVEALING AN ISSUE OF THE RENSSELAER REPUBLICAN CONTAINING A LETTER THAT NOTED THAT THE COLLEGE HAD BEEN NAMED IN MEMORY OF BISHOP JOSEPH DWENGER OF FORT WAYNE, IN WHICH DIOCESE THE SCHOOL HAD BEEN BUILT.

THIS HONOR WAS HARDLY DONE IN DEFERENCE TO THE STATUS OF THE BISHOP OR IN HOPE THAT HE WOULD FAVOR THE SCHOOL. RATHER, HE VERY MUCH DESERVED THE HONOR, FOR IT WAS HE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE WHO EAGERLY DESIRED THE SCHOOL AND TOOK THE STEPS TO ASSURE ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

A NATIVE OF MARIA STEIN, OHIO, BISHOP DWENGER ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN 1854 AND WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST FIVE YEARS LATER. HE WAS THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY TO RECEIVE HIS SEMINARY TRAINING OUTSIDE THE SMALL AND INADEQUATE CONVENT-SEMINARY THAT THE SOCIETY HAD AT THAT TIME. HE COMPLETED HIS SEMINARY STUDIES AT MOUNT ST. MARY SEMINARY NEAR CINCINNATI AND WAS PROMPTLY NAMED RECTOR OF THE SOCIETY'S CONVENT-SEMINARY AT HIMMELGARTEN (NEAR ST. HENRY, OHIO), WHERE HE REFORMED ITS CURRICULUM AND DISCIPLINE.

FINDING THIS SMALL INSTITUTION TOO INADEQUATE AND CONFINING, IN 1860 HE ARRANGED THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY NEAR CARTHAGENA, OHIO, THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BLACKS (EMLÉN INSTITUTE) AND CONVERTED IT INTO SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY.



HE SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS PASTOR OF TWO PARISHES IN RURAL OHIO, AND ACHIEVED THE ERECTION OF A NEW CHURCH IN ST. MARY'S, OHIO. FROM 1868-71 HE GAVE PARISH MISSIONS, A TRIBUTE TO HIS PREACHING ABILITY, AND HE GAINED FAVOR IN THE EYES OF ARCHBISHOP PURCELL OF CINCINNATI.

IN 1866 HE ACCOMPANIED THE ARCHBISHOP TO THE SECOND PLENARY COUNCIL OF BISHOPS IN BALTIMORE AS HIS THEOLOGIAN AND SECRETARY, A MARK OF DISTINCTION FOR THE YOUNG MAN. AND IN 1872 HE WAS CONSECRATED A BISHOP AND GIVEN CHARGE OF THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE AT THE AGE OF 35.

AS BISHOP OF FORT WAYNE DURING 1872-93, DWENGER PROMOTED CATHOLIC EDUCATION, PROMPTING THE BUILDING OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN MOST PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE. MOREOVER, HIS METHODS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPERVISION OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS WERE WIDELY ACCLAIMED AND IMITATED IN OTHER DIOCESES.

HE ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN HIGHER EDUCATION, SPECIFICALLY, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "COLLEGE" -- A TERM WHICH IN THOSE DAYS MEANT ALMOST ANY BOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUTHS SEEKING AN EDUCATION BEYOND THE USUAL GRADE SCHOOLS. HE VISUALIZED A BOARDING SCHOOL THAT WOULD SERVE TO GIVE ADEQUATE PRE-THEOLOGICAL TRAINING WITH FACILITIES ALSO FOR YOUNG MEN SEEKING TO QUALIFY FOR TEACHING AND THE BUSINESS PROFESSION.

AS EARLY AS MAY 20, 1875, THE RENSSELAER UNION REPORTED HIS VISIT TO THE SAINT JOSEPH ORPHAN ASYLUM (SITE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TODAY), WHEN HE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MOVE THE ASYLUM TO LAFAYETTE, SELL SEVERAL HUNDRED ACRES OF THE LAND IN THIS COUNTY BELONGING TO THE CHURCH, AND ESTABLISH A "CONVENT AND SCHOOL AT RENSSELAER."

THE ORPHAN ASYLUM HAD BEEN A MAKESHIFT AND INADEQUATE INSTITUTION FROM ITS START IN 1868, WHEN BUILDINGS ON THE OLD GEORGE SPITLER FARM HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN ORPHANAGE, AND OTHER FRAME BUILDINGS HAD BEEN ADDED AS THE NUMBER OF ORPHANS INCREASED. THIS ORPHANAGE CONSUMED A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF



TIME AND EXPENSE OF THE DIOCESE, AND BISHOP DWENGER RAISED A MORE MODERN BUILDING FOR THE ORPHANS BOYS IN LAFAYETTE IN 1875-76 FOR \$30,000.

A SUBSEQUENT NOTICE IN THE UNION INDICATED THAT THE "CONVENT AND SCHOOL" MENTIONED BY BISHOP DWENGER IN THE FIRST ARTICLE WOULD BE AN "EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" AND WOULD BE "UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY OF THIS DIOCESE."

SUCH AN INSTITUTION, HOWEVER, WOULD BE COSTLY AND THE BISHOP SOON BEGAN THINKING IN TERMS OF A MONASTIC TYPE OF SCHOOL, SIMILAR TO THE BENEDICTINE ARCHABBAY AT ST. MEINRAD, IND., WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1861. GIVEN THE LAND AS ITS ENDOWMENT AND THE UNPAID LABOR OF THE MONKS (PRIESTS AND BROTHERS) TO RUN THE FARM AND SCHOOL, PLUS MODEST TUITION RATES FOR THE STUDENTS, SUCH A SCHOOL COULD THEN PROSPER.



RT. REV. BISHOP JOSEPH DWENGER, D. D., OF FT. WAYNE, IND.



SUBJECT: FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT GUIDED SAINT JOSEPH'S THROUGH EARLY YEARS

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- COURAGE, FORESIGHT, SELF-DISCIPLINE, ENTHUSIASM--  
THESE ARE SOME OF THE DESIRABLE QUALITIES THAT PLAYED KEY ROLES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE. IN PARTICULAR, THESE CHARACTERISTICS WERE A FOUNDATION OF STRENGTH FOR FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT, THE SCHOOL'S FIRST PRESIDENT, AND THROUGH THE YEARS THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO SERVE SUBSEQUENT SJC PRESIDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS WELL.

FATHER SEIFERT STANDS ABOVE ALL OTHERS AS A GUIDING LIGHT FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S DURING ITS FORMATIVE YEARS IN THE LATE 1800'S AND EARLY 1900'S.

WHAT KIND OF A MAN WAS HE? HOW DID HE MEET THE SEEMINGLY INSURMOUNTABLE CHALLENGES FACING AN INFANT COLLEGE DURING 1890-1913? SOME OF THESE ANSWERS ARE NOW CLEAR AND THEY PROVIDE MEANINGFUL REFLECTIONS AS THIS NATION'S 1976 BICENTENNIAL CAUSES ALL OF US TO REFLECT ON THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS.

ALL THOSE WHO KNEW FATHER SEIFERT KNEW A MAN STRONG OF BODY AND CHARACTER WHO EAGERLY SHOULDERED RESPONSIBILITY, AND PREACHED AND PRACTICED A BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE THAT STRESSED HARD WORK, OBEDIENCE TO AUTHORITY AND ALLEGIANCE TO HIS CHURCH. HE WAS NAMED SAINT JOSEPH'S FIRST PRESIDENT IN 1890 AT THE AGE OF 32, WHEN HE ARRIVED TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST COLLEGE BUILDING.

HIS PRESIDENCY CONTINUED UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1913 WHEN HE RETIRED TO

SERVE PRINCIPALLY IN CONVENT CHAPLAINCIES UNTIL HIS DEATH DEC. 16, 1937. THE LONE INTERRUPTION IN HIS GUIDANCE OF THE COLLEGE CAME DURING 1899-1903 WHEN HE WAS RECTOR OF SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY AT CARTHAGENA, OHIO.

A NATIVE OF TIFFIN, OHIO, FATHER SEIFERT'S PRINCIPLES WERE LARGELY SHAPED BY THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH HE GREW UP. BORN IN 1857, HE ENTERED GRADE SCHOOL DURING THE CIVIL WAR, IN TIMES WHEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FACED MANY STRUGGLES AND ENEMIES. WHILE PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS FREQUENTLY SQUABBLED IN THE UNITED STATES, ITALIAN NATIONALISTS SEIZED THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE PAPAL STATES, A GENUINE THREAT TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE PAPACY AND THE CHURCH ITSELF. MOREOVER, U.S. CATHOLICS WERE ACCUSED OF DOUBLE ALLEGIANCE, ONE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE OTHER TO ROME.

THESE INFLUENCES WERE INTENSIFIED BY THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY THAT FATHER SEIFERT ENTERED--THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD. BORN IN ROME IN 1815, THIS SOCIETY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1844, LEAVING BEHIND THE PROBLEMS OF AN OLD WORLD ONLY TO ENCOUNTER THOSE OF THE NEW WORLD.

CHIEF NEW WORLD PROBLEMS WERE OVERCOMING PRIMITIVE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS FACING THE GERMAN CATHOLIC IMMIGRANTS IN OHIO, PLUS PRESERVING THE FAITH IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY. FATHER SEIFERT'S SEMINARY TRAINING AT CARTHAGENA, OHIO, MIGHT HAVE SEEMED RUSTIC AND WHOLLY INADEQUATE, YET HIS CONVICTION OF THE NECESSITY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION WAS OVERPOWERING.

WHEN FATHER SEIFERT WAS ORDAINED IN 1881 THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY IN AMERICA NUMBERED LESS THAN 80 PRIESTS--MANY OF THEM, ESPECIALLY THE OLDER ONES, WITH LITTLE FORMAL EDUCATION IN EVEN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. THUS A MAN OF SOME TALENT AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, SUCH AS FATHER SEIFERT HAD, COULD READILY BECOME A GIANT AMONG HIS OWN.

HIS ASSIGNMENT AS SAINT JOSEPH'S FIRST PRESIDENT CAME SUDDENLY--FOLLOWING

EIGHT YEARS AS PASTOR IN RURAL PARISHES NEAR CARTHAGENA. HE ALSO TAUGHT AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY BEFORE THIS ASSIGNMENT. GATHERING A FACULTY, DESIGNING A CURRICULUM AND SUPERVISING CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST COLLEGE BUILDING WERE HIS IMMEDIATE CHORES IN FACE OF MEAGER EDUCATIONAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT SOUTH OF RENSSELAER ON THE SITE OF A DIOCESAN ORPHAN FARM, BUT THE RISKS WERE SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED DUE TO THE STRONG SUPPORT OF PRECIOUS BLOOD PROVINCIAL FATHER HENRY DREES AND THE BISHOP OF FORT WAYNE, THE MOST REV. JOSEPH DWENGER. BISHOP DWENGER HAD EARLIER ESTABLISHED THE MAJOR SEMINARY AT CARTHAGENA IN 1861 AND HE DESIRED THAT A PREPARATORY SCHOOL BE OPENED AT RENSSELAER--A JUNIOR COLLEGE WHOSE PRIMARY AIM WAS TO PROVIDE PRE-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR FUTURE PRIESTS.

THERE WERE AS YET FEW PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS, AND SAINT JOSEPH'S WOULD THUS FILL A CLEAR, DEFINITE NEED. MOREOVER, BISHOP DWENGER REASONED HE COULD IN TURN ENCOURAGE OTHER DIOCESES TO JOIN IN THE SUPPORT OF THIS SCHOOL BY PROVIDING STUDENTS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE RISKS OF STARTING A COLLEGE WERE SUBSTANTIAL. THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL ENDOWMENT WAS ITS 320-ACRE FARM PLOT, BUT EXCEPT FOR A SMALL BOARD AND TUITION FEE OF \$80 PER SEMESTER, OPERATING RESOURCES WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WHICH HAD NO FIRM BUDGETING SYSTEM.

CONSEQUENTLY, PRIESTS IN PARISHES AND MISSIONS CONTRIBUTED SOMEWHAT HAPHAZARDLY. A DOCUMENT ACCOMPANYING THE SCHOOL'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN 1889 ASKED EACH PRIEST MEMBER TO CONTRIBUTE \$100, AND HALF OF THE FIRST COLLEGE BUILDING WAS FIRST ERECTED. AFTER TWO YEARS OF OPERATION, IT SEEMED SAFE TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING IN 1893.

TO SAY FATHER SEIFERT "SUPERVISED" MATTERS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT. HE GUIDED THE SCHOOL'S AFFAIRS WITH A STRONG IF NOT ARBITRARY HAND, WORKING AS HARD AND EVEN HARDER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED FROM ONE MAN.



HE TAUGHT A CLASS LOAD OF UP TO 24 HOURS A WEEK AND CARRIED OUT ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES THAT ARE NOW SHARED BY MANY PERSONNEL. SO CLOSE, IN FACT, WAS HIS SCRUTINY OF COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HE ACQUIRED THE NICKNAME "DADDY" SEIFERT.



### Three Men Who Began Saint Joseph's College

Rt. Rev. Joseph Dwenger inspired the idea of and gave the initial impetus to the founding of Saint Joseph's College. Not only the college health center [Dwenger Hall], but the name of the college itself, perpetuate his memory.



Very Rev. Henry Drees was the provincial superior of the Society of the Precious Blood, 1880-1898, and committed the society to support the college through the years, both financially and through the service of many of its priests and brothers.



Rev. Augustine Seifert was the college's first president and assumed chief responsibility for the college's growth through its first two decades of existence.



# SOLEMN DEDICATION!

--Of The--

## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE!

-AT-

Rensselaer, Indiana,  
SUNDAY, AUG. 23

Right Rev. Bishop Joseph Rademacher D.D.

of Nashville, Tenn., will dedicate the College under the management of the Missionary Fathers of the order of the Most Precious Blood.

The very REV. FATHER WELSH, D. D. President of Notre Dame University, will deliver the dedicatory sermon.

The newly converted Indian boys of the Rensselaer Catholic Indian Normal School, will chant the Latin Dedication Psalm.

Dinner and Supper served for the benefit of College, in college building, for 25 cents each. All kinds of legal refreshments served in the grove.

All Excursion trains reach Rensselaer in time for the Excursionists Mass at 11:30, A. M.

RETURN AT 7:30, P. M.

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Otis.....	8 10	1 00	LaCrosse.....	9 02	1 00
Westville.....	8 20	1 00	Wieders.....	9 10	1 00
Alida.....	8 25	1 00	San Pierre.....	9 23	1 00
Haskells.....	8 20	1 00	Medaryville....	9 45	.90
Wanatah.....	8 40	1 00	Francesville....	10 00	.70
South Wanatah..	8 45	1 00	Rensselaer.....	11 20	



The original college, 1891-1893, stood alone in a countryside of swamps, woods, sand hills and mud roads. It was in appearance and in reality only half a building, as though the school were uncertain of its future.



SUBJECT: PHYSICAL PLANT GROWTH HIGHLIGHTED FATHER SEIFERT'S WORK AT SJC

(SECOND IN A SERIES OF BICENTENNIAL  
ARTICLES RELATED TO SAINT JOSEPH'S  
COLLEGE. RESEARCHED BY FATHER DOMINIC  
GERLACH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY.)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE COMPLETED ITS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN 1893 UNDER THE WATCHFUL GUIDANCE OF FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT, THE SCHOOL'S FIRST PRESIDENT, SOME OBSERVERS REGARDED THIS AS THE CLIMAX OF THE "BRICK AND MORTAR AGE."

THIS VIEW WAS HARDLY ACCURATE, FOR IT MARKED ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE GROWTH OF THE COLLEGE'S PHYSICAL PLANT.

DURING THESE CHALLENGING YEARS, FATHER SEIFERT SUPERVISED EVERY PART OF COLLEGE OPERATIONS AS THE SOLE MAN RESPONSIBLE--NOT ONLY TO THE BISHOPS WHO SENT STUDENTS HERE BUT ALSO TO HIS SUPERIOR IN THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, WHOSE STUDENTS WERE BEING EDUCATED HERE AND FROM WHOM HE NEEDED SUPPORT.

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THERE PERSISTED A BELIEF THAT THE COLLEGE WAS A MISTAKE, AT LEAST IN THE SENSE THAT THE SOCIETY SHOULD NOT HAVE BECOME INVOLVED IN HIGHER EDUCATION. COLLEGE PRESIDENTS FOLLOWING FATHER SEIFERT FOUND THAT THEY TOO HAD TO CONTEND WITH THIS BELIEF.

SOME CRITICISM WAS BROUGHT THAT THE SCHOOL'S FACULTY HAD VERY FEW ACADEMIC DEGREES AND THAT NEVERTHELESS BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES WERE BEING GRANTED. THIS WAS RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT AT THE TIME, HOWEVER, AND EVEN THE MOST SEVERE CRITICS ADMITTED THAT THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AND FORMATION OF MORALS WAS OF HIGH QUALITY.



MOST OBVIOUS OF FATHER SEIFERT'S WORK TODAY IS THE PHYSICAL PLANT AND START OF AN ENROLLMENT INCREASE. THE STUDENT POPULATION GREW SLOWLY, PASSING THE 200 MARK ONLY IN 1908-09, BUT THEN REACHING MORE THAN 300 TWO YEARS LATER. PARALLELING THIS GROWTH WAS THAT OF THE PHYSICAL PLANT.

AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1973) WAS COMPLETED, ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS CAME QUICKLY: GASPAR HALL (CALLED MINIM BUILDING) IN 1897; THE OLD GYMNASIUM (NOW REPLACED BY SCIENCE HALL) IN 1904; ADJOINING BUILDINGS FROM THE CURRENT POSTOFFICE TO THE COMPUTER CENTER (WHICH HOUSED THE POWER PLANT) ALSO IN 1904; DWENGER HALL IN 1907; AQUINAS HALL (THEN A SISTERS' CONVENT) IN 1909 AND THE CHAPEL IN 1910. THE WATER TOWER WAS ADDED IN 1911.

FATHER SEIFERT CHERISHED THE MOST EXPENSIVE OF THESE BUILDINGS: THE CHAPEL, WHICH STOOD AS AN OUTWARD SYMBOL OF THE FAITH OF THE COLLEGE. THIS WAS A HOUSE OF WORSHIP BUILT FOR THE FUTURE--FOR A GROWING COLLEGE. THE SCHOOL'S 300 STUDENTS ALL CAME THERE AT LEAST TWICE A DAY, ONCE FOR MASS AND ONCE FOR BENEDICTION AND PRAYERS IN THE EVENING.

MODERN-DAY INFLATION AND RECESSION CAUSE ENOUGH MONEY WOES, BUT FUNDS TO SUPPORT A YOUNG SAINT JOSEPH'S DIDN'T COME EASILY EITHER. DURING THE FIRST 20 YEARS, TUITION AND BOARD WENT FROM \$80 TO \$110, BUT THIS HARDLY PAID THE BILLS.

A BULK OF SUPPORTIVE FUNDS CAME FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, THOUGH THE BREAKDOWN IN PERCENTAGES IS UNKNOWN TODAY. A BIGGER AND IMPROVED FARM SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL WAS A MAJOR ASSET--IT PRODUCED MUCH OF THE SCHOOL'S FOOD, AND THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD CONTRIBUTED ADMIRABLY, AT LEAST IN THE LARGER BUILDING PROJECTS.

CONTRIBUTED SERVICES, HOWEVER, PROVIDED THE LARGEST BOOST. NEARLY ALL THE TEACHING WAS CONTRIBUTED BY PRIESTS OF THE SOCIETY, WHILE C.P.P.S. LAY BROTHERS PERFORMED NEARLY ALL THE NON-TEACHING SERVICES, SUCH AS WORK IN THE FIELDS AND

SHOPS AND AS PREFECTS. THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WERE THE WORK FORCE IN THE KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY (WHICH ALSO MENDED CLOTHES IN THOSE DAYS) FOR A VERY SMALL SALARY.

WITH THE DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL IN 1910, FATHER SEIFERT'S WORK WAS ESSENTIALLY FINISHED. THE COLLEGE'S PHYSICAL PLANT HAD GROWN TO SIX MAJOR BUILDINGS ON AN 80-ACRE CAMPUS, THE STUDENT BODY WAS UP FROM 54 TO 322 AND THE ORIGINAL FACULTY OF SIX NOW STOOD AT 24.

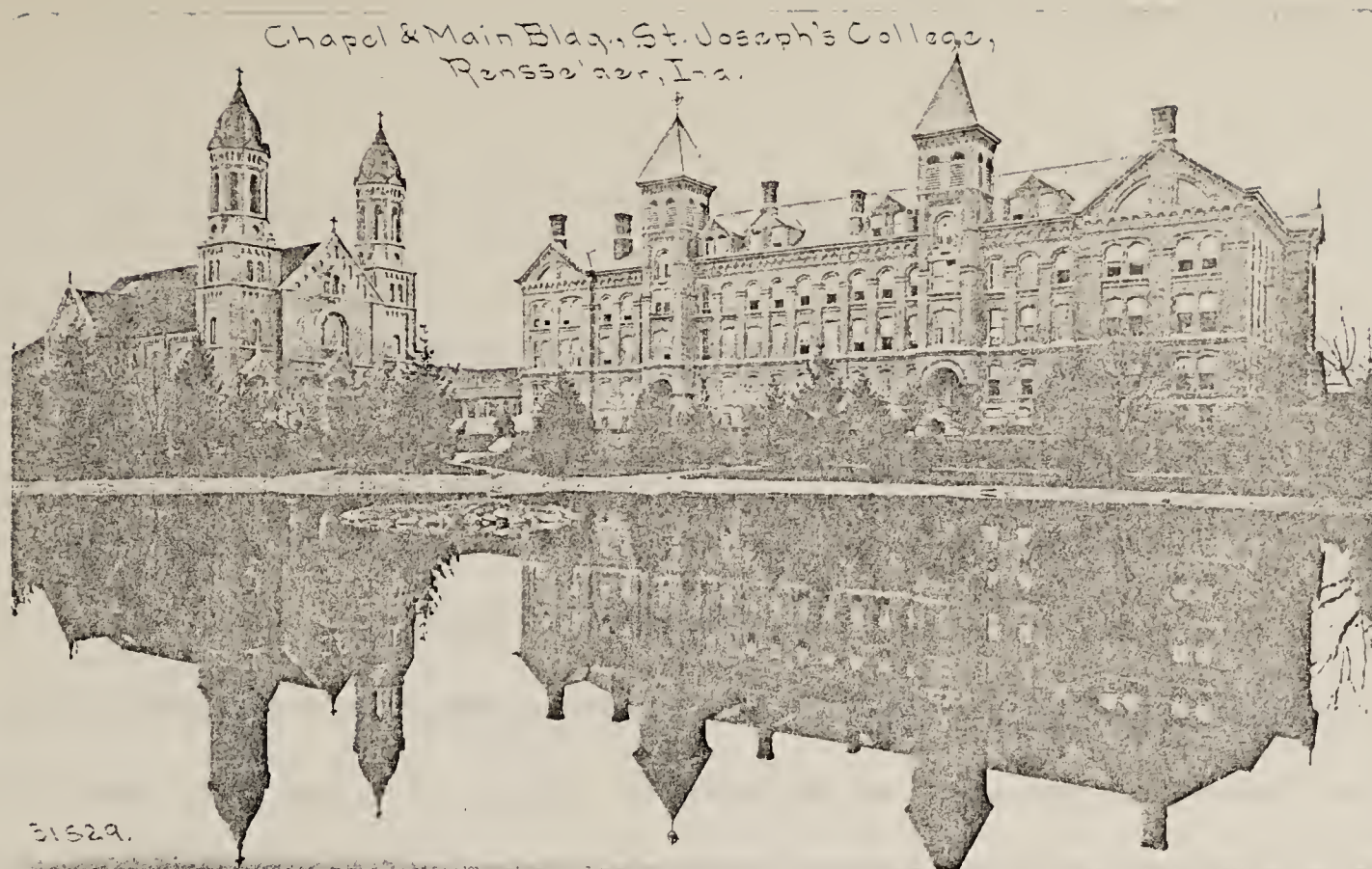
SAINT JOSEPH'S HAD REACHED SOMETHING OF A PLATEAU AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE NO ADDITION IN ENROLLMENT, FACULTY OR BUILDINGS WAS MADE UNTIL 1936, WHEN THE COLLEGE MADE THE MAJOR DECISION TO TRANSFORM INTO A SENIOR COLLEGE.



St. Joseph's College.

This is how the college looked from the north around 1905. From left to right one can see (1) the "Main Building," (2) the powerhouse smoke stack [the building is now used for janitorial services, television studio and radio, postoffice, etc.], (3) Gaspar Hall [then called Faculty Building], (4) the Brothers' House [last relic of the orphan buildings], (5) the horse barn [other barns and sheds are hidden in this picture], and (6) the "Old Gym."





With the completion of the chapel in 1910, the "classic" view of the college for the next 63 years was the combination of the chapel and the Administration Building with their images reflected in the artificial pond.



The CPPS Brothers in 1913. They performed the bulk of manual labor. Four were assigned to the farm, two to the livestock, one supervised the powerhouse and plumbing, one was a barber, and one was college infirmarian. [Two brother prefects are not on picture.]



SUBJECT: FATHER SEIFERT--HE PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- ONE OF THE FINEST COMPLIMENTS YOU CAN PAY A PERSON IS TO SAY "HE PRACTICES WHAT HE PREACHES." THIS, IT TURNS OUT, COULD BE THE MOST FITTING SUMMARIZATION OF FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT, THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

AFTER LEAVING COLLEGEVILLE IN THE SUMMER OF 1913, HE WORKED PRINCIPALLY IN CONVENT CHAPLAINCIES. REGRETTABLY, COLLEGE ARCHIVES CONTAIN NONE OF HIS WRITTEN DOCUMENTS, ALTHOUGH A 1917 ADDRESS TO MAJOR SEMINARIANS AT CARTHAGENA REVEALS SOME OF HIS HISTORICAL OBSERVATIONS.

HE VIEWED PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY HISTORY IN THREE STAGES--THE PIONEER DAYS PRECEDING HIM, THE DAYS OF FIRM ESTABLISHMENT (INCLUDING HIS YEARS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S) AND THE DAYS OF EXPANSION IN THE FUTURE.

FATHER SEIFERT NEVER ANTICIPATED THE GROWTH OF SAINT JOSEPH'S INTO ITS CURRENT STATUS--FOR HIM, THE SCHOOL WAS TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS AND MISSIONARIES FIRST OF ALL, THEN PROVIDE AN EDUCATION FOR CATHOLIC LAITY. THE COLLEGE REMAINED FIRM TO THIS COMMITMENT IN THE SPIRIT OF ITS FIRST PRESIDENT UNTIL 1935, AND ALTHOUGH HE LIVED UNTIL 1937, IT CAN ONLY BE SPECULATED THAT HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD MAJOR CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL AT THAT TIME WAS NEGATIVE.

BUT IN HIS OWN WORDS, AN AGE HAD PASSED BY, AND HE WAS PASSING ALSO.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF FATHER SEIFERT ARE VARIED, YET QUITE CONSISTENT.

MOST EARLY STUDENTS WERE SOMEWHAT AFRAID OF HIM AND THERE WAS LITTLE QUESTION AS TO WHO GOVERNED THE COLLEGE.

FATHER SEIFERT WAS CONSIDERED A GOOD TEACHER, SPECIALIZING IN MATH AND BUSINESS COURSES. HE WAS ALSO AN EXCELLENT PREACHER, THOUGH MORE IS REMEMBERED ABOUT HIS WORK AND DISCIPLINE. HE RAN HIS DAY ON AN ORGANIZED SCHEDULE WITH NOT A MINUTE TO WASTE--FEATURING THE SAME DISCIPLINE AND PROMPTNESS HE IMPRESSED ON HIS STUDENTS. IN LATER YEARS, THESE SAME STUDENTS BECAME COLLEGE FACULTY AND IMITATED HIS PRINCIPLES.

HE WAS A TOUGH SUPERVISOR OF SUMMER LABOR ON CAMPUS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS THE FIRST TO BRING TREATS TO THE WORKERS AS A REWARD FOR A JOB WELL DONE UNDER THE BLAZING SUN.

BEST REMEMBERED BY STUDENTS WAS THE QUICK, HARD DISCIPLINE ENFORCED BY FATHER SEIFERT. CHAPEL PENANCES WERE A FREQUENT FORM OF PUNISHMENT, THOUGH A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT WAS FEARED MORE, AS HIS WORDS WERE OFTEN MORE AWESOME THAN HIS BITE.

MOST MEMORABLE WERE PUBLIC EXPULSIONS OF STUDENTS, HANDLED SOMEWHAT IN THE MANNER OF A CHURCH EXCOMMUNICATION. ONE RELIGIOUS STUDENT WHO REPORTEDLY FLIRTED WITH SEVERAL GIRLS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED IN FRONT OF THE STUDY HALL, ORDERED TO REMOVE HIS CASSOCK, THEN FLOGGED WITH A BUNDLE OF STRING TWIGS TIED TOGETHER. ONE OBSERVER REPORTED "A NEW KIND OF EXORCISM IT WAS. THE NEXT TRAIN TOOK ON ANOTHER PASSENGER AND WE WENT ABOUT OUR DAILY TASKS."

ONE OF THE FIRST SECULAR STUDENTS RECALLS ANOTHER INCIDENT WHEN A DEACON CHALLENGED A SECULAR STUDENT TO A WRESTLING MATCH. THE DEACON LOST THREE QUICK FALLS, BUT HE DIDN'T LIKE THE DECISIONS OF THE AMATEUR REFEREE AND HE TOLD FATHER SEIFERT HE HAD BEEN ASSAULTED BY THE SECULAR STUDENT.

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE STUDENTS WERE SUMMONED TO THE CHAPEL, WHERE FATHER



SEIFERT SOLEMNLY DESCRIBED PUNISHMENTS DUE THOSE WHO ASSAULTED A CLERIC. CALLED TO THE FRONT OF THE CHAPEL, FATHER SEIFERT ASKED THE SECULAR STUDENT "DID YOU ATTACK THE DEACON?" "NO, HE DARED ME TO WRESTLE WITH HIM," CAME THE ANSWER.

"YOU MEAN THAT THE DEACON CHALLENGED YOU TO WRESTLE HIM?" FATHER SEIFERT ASKED. "YES," THE SECULAR STUDENT RESPONDED. FATHER SEIFERT THEN MADE NOTE OF WHAT A DEACON WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO DO, DISMISSED THE MEETING AFTER SLAPPING ONE STUDENT FOR LAUGHING OUT LOUD, AND HEADED FOR A MEETING WITH THE DEACON "LOOKING LIKE JOVE ABOUT TO THROW A FEW THUNDERBOLTS AROUND."

ALTHOUGH FATHER SEIFERT WAS SEVERE AND ALMOST ARBITRARY TO A FAULT, HE COULD BE VERY CONSIDERATE, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHIFTING FROM THE ROLE OF A PREFECT TO THAT OF COUNSELOR, AS IN THE CONFESSIONAL. HE IMPRESSED ALUMNI BY PRACTICING WHAT HE PREACHED BEHIND THE FACADE OF AUTHORITY AND HARSHNESS.

THE COLLEGE'S SOLE ADMINISTRATOR, HE TAUGHT A FULL CLASS LOAD AND STARTED EACH DAY BY CELEBRATING A 5 A.M. MASS OF THE RELIGIOUS, THEN ALWAYS PARTICIPATED IN THE DAILY EVENING DEVOTIONS. "MEDITATIONS GAVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING HOME RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL LESSONS BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVATION," ONE FORMER STUDENT RECALLS.

REMEMBERED AS AN EXCELLENT PREACHER, FATHER SEIFERT WAS NOT SMALL-MINDED, FOR EXAMPLE, HE DIDN'T ATTEMPT TO SNEAK IN ON PEOPLE, TRYING TO CATCH THEM IN WRONGDOING—WHEN HE WENT TO HIS ROOM, HE SLAMMED THE DOOR, AND STAYED THERE THE REST OF THE NIGHT.

OFF-CAMPUS, FATHER SEIFERT WAS WELL-KNOWN IN RENSSELAER AND RESPECTED FOR BEING A FORTHRIGHT AND OPEN MAN. ON ONE OCCASION WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT OVER DRAINAGE RULES, HE INSISTED ON BEING HIS OWN LAWYER AND WON HIS CASE.

NOT EVERYONE, HOWEVER, LIKED HIM, AND IN SOME CORRESPONDENCE WRITTEN BY HIS ASSOCIATES HE WAS CRITICIZED FOR OCCASIONALLY PLAYING CARDS WITH OTHER PRIESTS UNTIL LATE INTO THE NIGHT. THIS, HOWEVER, WAS MORE A MARK OF HOSPITALITY, FOR THESE PRIESTS WERE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE WHO ENCOURAGED BOYS TO COME TO THE SCHOOL.

FATHER SEIFERT INDULGED IN FEW PLEASURES, ACCORDING TO HIS ASSOCIATES, ALTHOUGH HE DID ENJOY THE USE OF SNUFF.

LIKE ALL MEN, HE HAD HIS GOOD AND BAD POINTS. BUT HE WAS ABOVE ALL A STRONG-WILLED, DEDICATED LEADER, AND THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT SAINT JOSEPH'S NEEDED TO SURVIVE AND EVEN PROSPER DURING ITS FORMATIVE YEARS.



The professors and students in the spring of 1893. The professors were all priests and can be identified by the biretta and the crucifix and chain that they wore. The total enrollment was 85, so about ten or so students had either left or did not get into the picture somehow.



SUBJECT: FORMER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MIRRORS SAINT JOSEPH'S HISTORY

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN SAINT JOSEPH'S LOST ITS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO FIRE EARLY IN THE MORNING OF FEB. 4, 1973, IT LOST AN HISTORIC LANDMARK THAT LITERALLY TELLS THE COLLEGE HISTORY THROUGH ITS MANY USES IN 82 YEARS OF SERVICE.

LIKE A MEDIEVAL MONASTERY, SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS BUILT IN A REMOTE, SWAMP-INFESTED AREA AND THE CURRENT HIGHWAY, U.S. 231, WAS STILL A MUD ROAD. AN ACCOMPANYING FARM WAS DONATED TO THE SCHOOL BY THE LOCAL BISHOP AS ITS PRINCIPAL FOUNDATION, AND THE COLLEGE WAS COMMITTED TO THE CARE OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (UNSALARIED PRIESTS, BROTHERS AND NUNS) TO PROVIDE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING PRIMARILY FOR FUTURE CLERGY.

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ORIGINALLY HOUSED THE ENTIRE COLLEGE COMMUNITY (UP TO AT LEAST 150 PERSONS) AND ALL THE COLLEGE FACILITIES, SUCH AS THE CHAPEL, DINING ROOM, AND LIBRARY. STUDENTS LED A SPARTAN LIFE, CAREFULLY DESIGNED AND ADMINISTERED IN THOSE PIONEER DAYS. A TYPICAL DAY'S SCHEDULE IN 1896 LOOKED LIKE THIS:

5:00 A.M. RISING AND MORNING PRAYERS  
 5:30 A.M. MASS  
 6:00 A.M. STUDIES  
 6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST AND RECREATION  
 7:15 A.M. CLASSES OR STUDIES  
 9:30 A.M. RECESS  
 9:45 A.M. CLASSES OR STUDIES  
 12:00 NOON DINNER AND RECREATION  
 2:00 P.M. CLASSES OR STUDIES  
 3:30 P.M. RECREATION  
 4:45 P.M. STUDIES  
 6:00 P.M. SUPPER AND RECREATION  
 6:45 P.M. BENEDICTION  
 7:00 P.M. STUDIES  
 8:30 P.M. NIGHT PRAYERS--RETIRING

THIS STRICT SCHEDULE UNDERWENT A SLIGHT CHANGE ON SUNDAYS--STUDENTS COULD SLEEP IN UNTIL 6 A.M.

ONE MAJOR TRADEMARK OF THE SCHOOL WAS STERN DISCIPLINE; FOR EXAMPLE, CUTTING OF CLASSES WAS NOT ALLOWED, EVEN IF PARENTS WERE VISITING. ALL MAIL WAS OPENED AND CHECKED AND DISTRIBUTED ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS. AND TOWN WAS STRICTLY OFF-LIMITS EXCEPT FOR VERY SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

MINOR INFRACTIONS MIGHT MEAN A WEEK OF PRIVILEGE LOSSES, SUCH AS THE RECREATION PERIOD SPENT IN THE CHAPEL, WALKING "GUARD" OR WRITING PENANCES. MAJOR INFRACTIONS RESULTED IN AN IMMEDIATE, DRAMATIC EXPULSION.

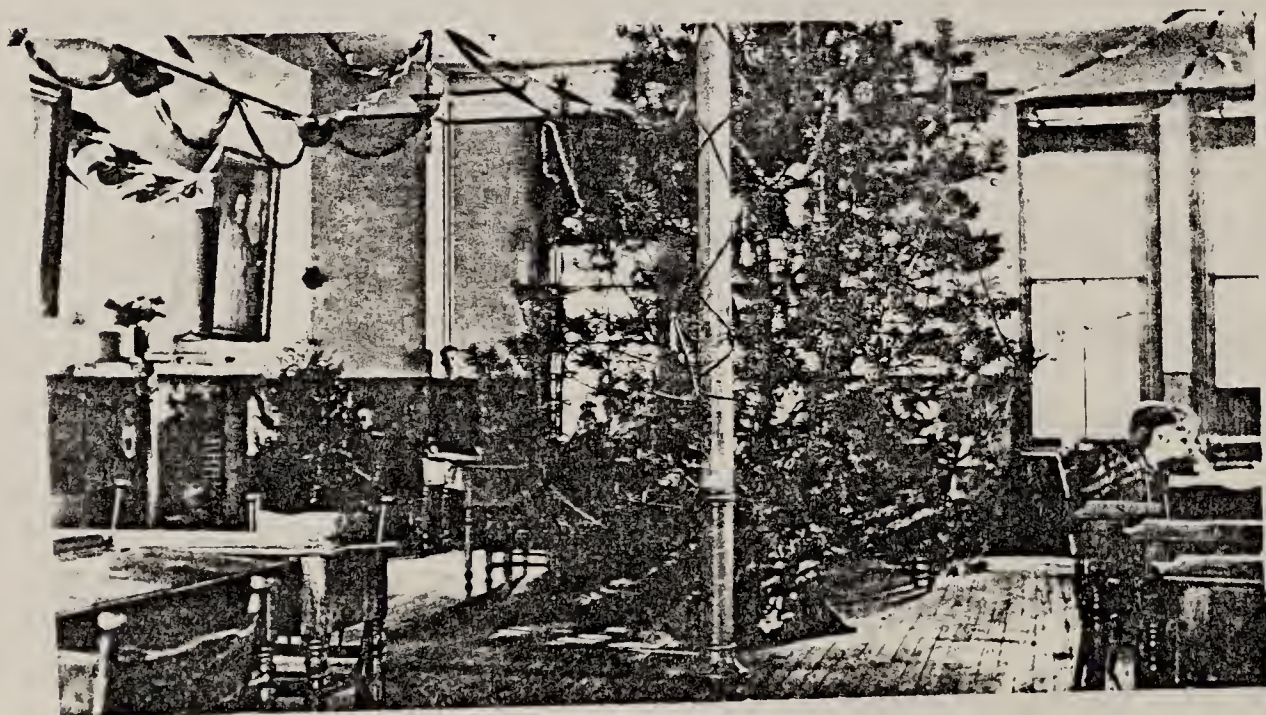
CLASSES, STUDIES, RECREATION, DISCIPLINE, RELIGION--ALL THESE AREAS OF THE SCHOOL'S DAY-TO-DAY LIFE WERE CENTERED IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, WHICH STILL HOUSED CLASSROOMS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WHEN IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

BETWEEN 1891 AND 1973 SAINT JOSEPH'S WITNESSED AN ALMOST 100 PERCENT EVOLUTION FROM ITS ORIGINAL GOALS. AND THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ALL OF THIS.





This picture of the seculars' study hall in the Ad Building is authentic, but the "clowns" in the picture possibly are not. The students spent the hours in this study hall when not attending classes.

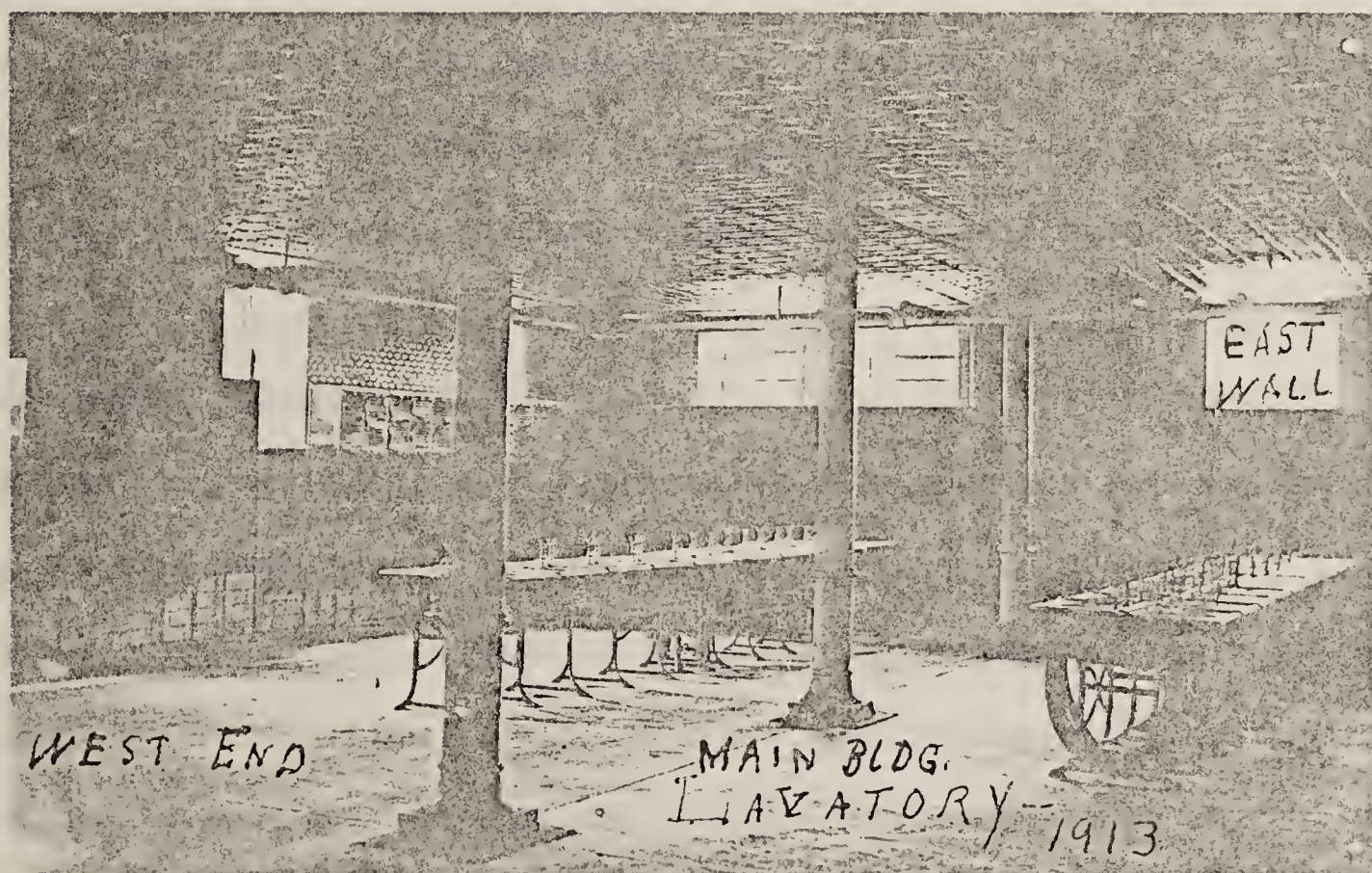


The CPPS seminarians could not go home for the Christmas holidays, and so they developed a tradition of celebrating Christmas together, which old-timers maintain were more memorable and joyful than the Christmases would have been had they been able to spend them at home.





The students slept in common dormitories on the third floor. Sleeping [in bed] was done only at night. There was no such thing as flopping on one's bed during the daylight hours either for a nap or to be able "to do one's studies" more comfortably. All were awakened at 5:30 A.M. by a Brother wielding a large resounding hand bell.



Lavatory facilities were in the basement and each student had a small locker there for his toiletries. In a neighboring room there were long rows of larger lockers for the student's clothes and shoes. A student was not burdened with many possessions even though he remained on the campus through the entire semester.



SUBJECT: EARLY SAINT JOE STUDENT RECALLS THOSE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — HISTORY CAN BE TOLD AND CAPTURED IN MANY WAYS, AND FOR SHEER PLEASURE IN READING, IT'S TOUGH TO BEAT FIRST-HAND MEMOIRS LOADED WITH ANECDOTES.

THAT WAS THE STYLE FOR "TELLING IT LIKE IT WAS" ADOPTED BY FATHER NICHOLAS GREIWE, A MEMBER OF THE VERY FIRST CLASS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S IN THE LATE 1800'S WHO PUT HIS PRICELESS RECOLLECTIONS ON PAPER SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH IN 1950.

SAINT JOSEPH'S ARCHIVIST, FATHER DOMINIC GERLACH, RECENTLY DISCOVERED HIS MEMIORS ON 24 TIME-YELLOWED PAGES IN THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES, AND HIS REMEMBRANCES GIVE A RARE FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF DAY-TO-DAY LIFE AT THE INFANT SCHOOL.

FATHER GREIWE LATER SPENT AT LEAST 15 YEARS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S AS A TEACHER AND PREFECT, BUT HIS REMEMBRANCES AS A STUDENT APTLY CAPTURE COLLEGEVILLE IN THE 1890'S. HE RECALLS THE LONG TRAIN RIDE FROM OHIO TO RENSSELAER AND HIS FIRST IMPRESSION OF COLLEGE PRESIDENT FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT—"A TALL, STURDY, UPSTANDING MAN, TRULY RELIGIOUS, WITH A STERLING CHARACTER AND AUSTERE COUNTENANCE. HE WAS THE INSTITUTION, ITS FOUNDER AND UNTIRING AND ABLE DIRECTOR FOR YEARS."

COLLEGE LAND AT THAT TIME "WAS SWAMPY, WITH LARGE SECTIONS OF QUICKSAND;

IT WAS SAID THAT OCCASIONALLY A HORSE OR SOME CATTLE WOULD GET MIRED AND DISAPPEAR. AND FINE YELLOW SAND SURROUNDED THE COLLEGE, AND SAND STORMS READILY BLEW INTO THE COLLEGE BUILDING, COVERING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT."

FRONTING THE BUILDING THEN WAS THE POND WHICH STILL REMAINS TODAY. "THE POOR CONDITION OF THE POND WAS IN HARMONY WITH THE SURROUNDINGS, A MERE LARGE WATER HOLE LIKE A POOL IN THE WOODS. IT HAD NO CURB AND SO IT HAPPENED THAT ON A DARK EVENING A NEWCOMER OR VISITOR WALKED RIGHT INTO IT. NOWADAYS THE FRESHEST ONES ARE THROWN INTO IT."

OTHER CAMPUS BUILDINGS INCLUDED A BOILER HOUSE JUST WEST OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, A HORSE STABLE WEST OF DWENGER HALL, AND THE INDIAN SCHOOL, WHOSE BOYS "LENT AN ATMOSPHERE OF HISTORIC INTEREST TO COLLEGE LIFE," FATHER GREIWE SAYS. "BROTHER SYLVESTER HINEN WAS DELEGATED TO BRING THE INDIANS FROM THEIR RESERVATIONS IN WISCONSIN AND ELSEWHERE TO RENSSELAER.

"THE INDIAN BOYS WOULD COME OVER TO THE COLLEGE IN FULL REGALIA WITH WAR PAINT, FEATHERS AND TOMAHAWKS, EVEN WITH SCALPING KNIVES, AND STAGE A WAR DANCE. THEY ALSO WERE FIRST-CLASS BASEBALL PLAYERS, DEFEATING ALL SURROUNDING TEAMS, INCLUDING OUR OWN."

AN ENROLLMENT INCREASE IN THE SCHOOL'S SECOND YEAR LED TO A DECISION TO DOUBLE THE SIZE OF THE ORIGINAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. BILL MEDLAND WAS CONTRACTOR FOR THE ADDITION OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE BUILDING.

"WE URCHINS WATCHED WITH TREPIDATION THE RAISING OF THE HEAVY STONE STATUES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND ST. JOSEPH TO THEIR NICHES ON THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING," HE RECALLS. THE BLESSED VIRGIN STATUE WAS RESCUED FOLLOWING THE 1973 FIRE AND NOW IS MOUNTED ON THE LAWN EAST OF XAVIER HALL.

EARLY STUDENTS CAN'T FORGET HOW THE FIRST BUILDING'S WOODEN FLOORS, MADE FROM THE FINEST POPLAR, STILL CREAKED WHENEVER WALKED UPON, OR THE



THANKLESS CHORE IT WAS FOR THE SENIOR STUDENT WHO DIRECTED THE STUDY HALLS. LIGHTING WAS PROVIDED BY HUGE BRASS KEROSENE LAMPS SUSPENDED FROM THE CEILING, BUT THEY COULD NOT BE LOWERED LIKE A SANCTUARY LAMP.

"FOR LACK OF PRIVATE AND CLUB ROOMS THE STUDY HALLS WERE USED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES--GAMES OF CARDS, CHECKER, CHESS, PLUS READING BOTH LEGITIMATE AND CONTRABAND LITERATURE AND WRITING LETTERS, OPEN AND SECRET--ALL THIS MAY OCCUR IN THE STUDY HALLS," FATHER GREIWE REPORTS.

BURNING OF PAPER ALSO SPARKS THIS ANECDOTE. "ONE TIME FATHER SEIFERT LOOKED THROUGH THE GLASS PANEL OF THE STUDY HALL DOOR, CAME IN AND ASKED WHAT THAT DANGEROUS BURNING OF PAPER MEANT. WHILE HOLDING UP THE PAPER, A STUDENT SAID 'FATHER, I'M BURNING MY SINS.' THE SPIRITUAL RETREAT HAD JUST CLOSED. FATHER AUGUST LEFT THE STUDY HALL WITHOUT SAYING A WORD, BUT FOUND IT HARD TO SUPPRESS A SMILE."

ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE CAMPUS GROUPS WAS THE COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY, WHICH PROVIDED EXTRACURRICULAR ENTERTAINMENT WITH ORATIONS, DIALOGUES, POEMS AND DEBATES. THE GROUP ISSUED THE COLUMBIAN, A TYPE OF STUDENT NEWSPAPER. "IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PUBLICATION, ODD AWARDS WERE MADE," FATHER GREIWE RECALLS. "FOR EXAMPLE, CURLY CONNELLY WAS CALLED FROM THE AUDIENCE TO THE FRONT OF THE STAGE DURING ONE PROGRAM AND PRESENTED WITH A GARDEN RAKE TO TAKE CARE OF HIS HAIR."

STAGE PLAYS WERE AN IMPORTANT PART OF CAMPUS LIFE, AND THE PLAYERS PERFORMED FIRST ON A TEMPORARY STAGE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, NEXT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE BUILDING'S NORTH ADDITION AFTER 1893, THEN IN THE OLD GYM THAT BURNED DOWN, AND FINALLY IN THE CURRENT AUDITORIUM.

SO WELL DONE WERE EARLY STUDENT STAGE PLAYS THAT THE STUDENTS GAVE PERFORMANCES AT LAFAYETTE AND INDIANAPOLIS.

AN ART STUDIO WAS ERECTED SOUTH OF THE PRESENT POWERHOUSE, WHERE THE MOST USEFUL TOOL WAS A SQUIRREL'S TAIL, USED FOR REMOVING PARTICLES LEFT ON THE DRAWING PAPER. FATHER GREIWE RECALLS HIS DISGUST WHEN A WELL-MEANING STUDENT REPLACED HIS OLD, DRIED TAIL WITH A BUSHY, FRESH ONE THAT DIDN'T WORK NEARLY SO WELL.

FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS, THE ART OF MUSIC WAS HEAVILY STRESSED IN THE COLLEGE CURRICULUM. THE COLLEGE BAND IN ONE YEAR WAS WELL-KNOWN FOR PLAYING ITS "RECEPTION MARCH" --- THE MARCH WAS PLAYED REPEATEDLY AT ONE CEREMONY BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY TUNE THE GROUP KNEW. ON ANOTHER OCCASION, THE BAND PLAYED AT A CATTLE SALE IN NEARBY MCCOYSBURG AND THE GROUP'S EFFORTS WERE MUCH APPRECIATED.

FATHER GREIWE ADDS THAT SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON TEACHING THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING. "WE ALSO HAD A SERIES OF EXCELLENT RETREATS---THEY WERE GRIPPING INDEED AND LEFT A WHOLESOME IMPRESSION ON OUR YOUNG MINDS AND HEARTS."

HE RECALLS THE EARLY FACULTY AS "MEN OF MORAL EARNESTNESS AND DEVOTION TO DUTY. THEY WERE APPROACHABLE IN CLASS AND ELSEWHERE. WITH ONLY 54 STUDENTS, CLASSES WERE SMALL AND CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT. VERY LITTLE NUISANCE WAS TOLERATED, ALTHOUGH HUMOROUS SITUATIONS WERE ENJOYED BY BOTH PROFESSOR AND PUPIL."

NICKNAMES WERE A PART OF EARLY COLLEGE LIFE AND ONE STUDENT NAMED DAN DALY WAS THE CAMPUS EXPERT IN APPLYING THESE. "WHEN THE NEWCOMERS ARRIVED FROM THE NOVITIATE, HE SIZED THEM UP AS THEY FILED BY AND GAVE EACH ONE A NICKNAME THAT WAS AS PERMANENT AS HIS BAPTISMAL NAME; IN FACT, THE LATTER BECAME ALMOST FORGOTTEN," HE NOTES.



SUBJECT: ATHLETICS, MILITARY TRAINING DREW HEAVY STRESS IN SJC'S EARLY YEARS

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — EVERY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DEFINES ITS AREAS OF EMPHASIS, AND IN THE EARLIEST YEARS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, EXTRACURRICULAR STRESS ON TRAINING THE BODY THROUGH ATHLETICS AND UNDERSCORING DISCIPLINE VIA MILITARY TRAINING WAS AN IMMEDIATE CAMPUS CHARACTERISTIC.

BOTH THESE ACTIVITIES CAME ONLY AFTER FULL ATTENTION WAS GIVEN ACADEMICS, YET FATHER NICHOLAS GREIWE NOTES IN HIS MEMOIRS "IN THE PIONEER DAYS SPORTS WERE BY NO MEANS NEGLECTED. OUTDOOR ATHLETICS WERE PURSUED WITH AVIDITY, AND INTERHALL GAMES STIMULATED RIVALRY. FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, HANDBALL, BOWLING, LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET WERE FREQUENTLY ENJOYED."

WITH REFERENCE TO FOOTBALL, HE ADDS "ROUGH PLAYING WAS THE ORDER OF THE DAY; PARLOR KNIGHTS GOT NOWHERE." HE REFERS TO THE EARLY COLLEGE AS A "MINIATURE WEST POINT, SO MUCH SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT SENT A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF CIVIL WAR RIFLES." THE SEIFERT LIGHT GUARDS WERE A POPULAR CAMPUS MILITARY DRILL TEAM.

MUCH OF THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WAS MANUAL LABOR, WHEREIN STUDENTS ERECTED NEW STRUCTURES, LAID BRICK AND CEMENT WALKS, OR HANDLED PLUMBING, CARPENTERING, PAINTING, GARDENING, HARVESTING, OR KILLING AND DRESSING MEAT. SUCH WORK ALLOWED LITTLE TIME FOR MISCHIEF.

"FATHER SEIFERT INSISTED ON HONEST TOIL; HIS MOTTO WAS 'PAY AND WORK'. IDLERS AND SHIRKERS GOT BUSY WHEN THEY SAW HIM COMING," RECALLS FATHER GREIWE.

"A COMIC INCIDENT OCCURRED ONCE WHEN A STUDENT GOOD AT IMITATION PERSONATED FATHER SEIFERT GIVING ORDERS TO THE WORKERS. HIS FACE TURNED RED WHEN HE TURNED AROUND AND SAW FATHER AUGUST WATCHING HIM."

THOUGH A STERN SUPERVISOR OF WORK, FATHER SEIFERT WAS THE FIRST TO BRING TREATS TO THE LABORERS. ON OTHER OCCASIONS, THE WORKERS SMUGGLED IN THEIR OWN TREATS TO MAKE THE WORKDAY MORE PLEASANT.

"IN THOSE DAYS HOOSIERLAND RESEMBLED THE WESTERN PRAIRIES," FATHER GREIWE SAYS. "IT WAS THE TIME OF WIDE-OPEN SPACES WITH FEW FENCES. LARGE BARNs WERE UNKNOWN. THE LIVESTOCK SOUGHT SHELTER IN OPEN SHEDS COVERED WITH HEAVY LAYERS OF SNOW IN LONG, SEVERE WINTERS."

STUDENTS DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH MANY PRANKS; ONCE, WHILE RETURNING FROM A HIKE, SEVERAL OF THEM HELPED THEMSELVES TO RIPE CHERRIES FROM A NEARBY FARM. THAT EVENING, THE FARMER, HENRY EIGELSBACH, CAME ROARING TO FATHER SEIFERT'S ROOM TO COMPLAIN, AND DUE SETTLEMENT WAS PROMPTLY MADE.

ON ANOTHER OCCASION, SEVERAL STUDENTS TOOK GREAT PLEASURE IN SLIDING DOWN A HAYSTACK UNTIL THE STACK WAS FLATTENED. THEIR PARENTS WERE READILY BILLED FOR THE COST OF THE HAY.

WINTER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED HUNTING (RABBITS, WITH CLUBS) AND SKATING. SOME DURABLE STUDENT SKATERS WERE KNOWN TO ZIP DOWN TO THE IROQUOIS RIVER AS FAR AS BROOK. OFF-CAMPUS OUTINGS WERE A SPECIAL TREAT, SUCH AS BAND TRIPS TO REMINGTON AND ONCE A JOURNEY TO A CHURCH DEDICATION AT FOWLER.

"THE OUTING OF OUTINGS" -- THAT'S HOW FATHER GREIWE RECALLS THE STUDENTS' TRIP TO THE WORLD'S FAIR IN CHICAGO. ARMED WITH 50 CENTS PER PERSON, THE STUDENTS SCATTERED OVER THE EXPOSITION GROUNDS, TAKING IN AS MUCH OF THE SCENERY AS POSSIBLE.

POSSIBLY THE STUDENTS' PREVAILING NATIONALITY SHOWED THROUGH, AS SOME-ONE YELLED TO THEM UPON ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS "HELLO, GERMANY, WHEN DID



YOU LAND?" HE ADDS "THE GOOD SISTERS PACKED OUR LUNCHES--LOAVES OF BREAD, SANDWICHES, DRIED BEEF, HARD-BOILED EGGS, CHEESE, PICKLES AND COOKIES. AND ONE OF THE OLDER STUDENTS PURCHASED EACH OF US A PENNY GLASS OF WATER."

ONE OF THE STUDENTS' FAVORITE STOPS AT THE FAIR WAS THE GERMAN BEER GARDEN, AND FATHER GREIWE SUMMARIZES THE TRIP BY NOTING "INDELIBLE IMPRESSIONS WERE MADE ON OUR YOUNG, PLASTIC MINDS."

WELL-REMEMBERED BY EARLY STUDENTS WERE PUBLIC EXPULSIONS OF WAYWARD INDIVIDUALS. "THE MORAL CODE WAS STRICTLY ENFORCED; SOLEMN AND SERIOUS WAS THE OCCASION OF A PUBLIC EXPULSION CARRIED OUT INVARIABLY IN THE STUDY HALLS," HE RECALLS. "WITH MINGLED FEELINGS THE ASSEMBLED STUDENTS AWAITED THE COMING OF FATHER SEIFERT; HE WOULD GIVE A MORAL LECTURE WITH ALL THE VIGOR AT HIS COMMAND, STATING THE CASE IN ALL ITS BEARINGS. AFTER HE HAD PRONOUNCED SENTENCE, HE TOLD THE EXPELLED STUDENT TO LEAVE THE STUDY HALL, GET READY AND TAKE THE NEXT TRAIN OUT."

FATHER GREIWE ALSO POINTS OUT THE CONTRAST OF FATHER SEIFERT'S SEVERITY AT THE TIME OF SUCH AN EXPULSION, AS COMPARED TO THE CHRISTMAS MORNING WHEN THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS PICTURES AND CANDY TO STUDENTS WHO CALLED ON HIM TO EXTEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

AMONG PRANKS REMEMBERED BY HIM ARE THE PLACING OF A SNAKE IN A STUDENT'S BED, THE TYING OF A LARGE GREEN RIBBON TO THE TAIL OF BISMARCK, A ST. BERNARD WHO ROAMED THE CAMPUS, AND THE FILCHING OF A WATERMELON FROM A RABBIT PEN BY ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO SAW ANOTHER STUDENT HIDE IT THERE. ANOTHER STUDENT HID SUCCESSFULLY AFTER DUMPING A BOWL OF WATER FROM A DORMITORY WINDOW ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF FATHER SEIFERT.

"FOR LACK OF SPACE BOTH STUDENT BODIES USED THE SAME DINING ROOM; THIS MADE FOR GOOD CHEER AND MUTUAL EDIFICATION; IT WAS LIKE A BIG FAMILY," HE RECALLS. "THE GOOD SISTERS PREPARED GOOD, SIMPLE, WHOLESOME MEALS. ONE STUDENT

WHO WROTE HOME THAT HE WAS STARVING ACTUALLY WAS GAINING 25 POUNDS A YEAR."

COLLEGE AUTHORITIES JUDGED THAT COARSE, HOMEMADE BREAD BAKED IN OVENS WOULD BE THE MOST WHOLESOME. "THE FIRST BREAD WAS FIT FOR THE STONE AGE, AND ONE STUDENT CALLED IT GRINDSTONE BREAD. HE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT IT BE SENT TO THE MICHIGAN CITY PRISON, NEAR HIS HOMETOWN, TO BE USED AS BALLS FOR THE CHAINS," FATHER GREIWE NOTES.

STUDENTS SEEKING TO ESCAPE FROM WORK OR STUDIES BY CHECKING INTO THE INFIRMARY LEARNED QUICKLY THIS WOULDN'T WORK. ONE WHO TRIED THIS HAD A PLATE OF THIN SOUP AT NOON AND AGAIN IN THE EVENING, AND WHEN HE COMPLAINED, HE WAS REMINDED THAT A STRICT DIET WAS IN ORDER FOR SOMEONE AS SICK AS HIMSELF.

"THE NEXT MORNING, HE WAS CURED AND JOINED THE RANKS FOR STUDIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES," FATHER GREIWE WRITES.

DOMINATING THE CAMPUS ATMOSPHERE WAS THE SCHOOL'S RELIGIOUS TONE, WHICH CAME NATURALLY BECAUSE THE SCHOOL WAS ESSENTIALLY A PREPARATORY SEMINARY. BROTHERS WORE CASSOCKS WITH A WIDE, RED FLANNEL BELT AND ONE CAMPUS VISITOR SERIOUSLY ASKED IF THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

"FULL DIVINE SERVICE WAS HELD ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS; FOR US, IT MEANT STARTING THE MORNING PRAYERS AT TEN MINUTES OF FIVE, WITH HOLY MASS FOLLOWING SOON," HE RECALLS. "THE FACULTY MEMBERS PREACHED EXCELLENT SERMONS WITH EARNESTNESS. AFTER DINNER, ALL INMATES ASSEMBLED IN THE CHAPEL FOR A VISIT AND SPECIAL PRAYERS WERE SAID IN UNISON."

FATHER SEIFERT'S EVENING MEDITATIONS WERE WELL-REMEMBERED, AND IN LENT THE WAY OF THE CROSS WAS MADE DAILY AFTER DINNER. STUDENTS WHO SERVED AT THE ALTAR WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE INTENSITY WITH WHICH FATHER SEIFERT OFFERED UP THE HOLY SACRIFICE WITH DEEPEST REVERENCE AND EVIDENT DEVOTION.

CONFESSION WAS A MOST SERIOUS BUSINESS, THOUGH ONE STUDENT RECALLS ONE OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS ONCE TOLD HIM "WELL, NOW, RENEW YOUR SINS ONCE MORE."



ON ANOTHER OCCASION, FATHER IGNATIUS RAUH SHOUTED AT A STUDENT IN THE CONFESSIONAL, "YOU SCOUNDREL!" THE REASON WAS THIS: THE STUDENT HAD COME TOO CLOSE TO A SKUNK EARLIER THAT EVENING.

"EVEN AFTER HE HAD RETURNED TO THE PEW HE DID NOT EMIT THE ODOR OF SANCTITY," FATHER GREIWE NOTES. "IT WAS PRETTY HARD ON US, TOO."

BUILDING OF THE GROTTO ALSO MADE A STRONG IMPRESSION ON THE EARLY STUDENTS. A STUDENT NAMED FAUSTIN, LATER TO BECOME FATHER FAUSTIN, DESIGNED AND BUILT THE ORIGINAL GROTTO IN 1898, THEN IT WAS ENLARGED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER. FATHER FAUSTIN RETURNED TO CAMPUS FROM WISCONSIN FOR THE DEDICATION ON THE ENLARGED GROTTO, WHICH FEATURED AN INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESS BY FATHER ILDEPHONSE RAPP.

"DURING ALL THOSE YEARS THE GROTTO CERTAINLY HELPED TO FOSTER DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN," FATHER GREIWE POINTS OUT.

"SUCH ARE THE HALLOWED REMINISCENCES, SOME VIVID, OTHERS DIM, OF LONG LONG AGO," HE CONCLUDES. "I HAVE RECORDED THEM FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF A PARTICIPANT AND WITNESS, RECALLED THEM IN THE TWILIGHT OF ACCUMULATED YEARS FOR AULD LANG SYNE. PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE IT WILL BE A DELIGHT TO RECALL THESE EVENTS."

RIGHT YOU ARE, FATHER GREIWE.



"Euchre is the game. In the country on a free day, Dec. 13, '13'."





The college faculty in 1906



The college band and the military unit posed for a picture before the attack on and the demolition of the fortress in the background on a free day in 1897.



SUBJECT: BROTHER VICTOR--AN INSTITUTION HIMSELF AT COLLEGEVILLE

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN CONSIDERING PEOPLE AND GROUPS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY IN VARIED SERVICES DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HISTORICAL JUSTICE DEMANDS THAT THE ROLE OF THE BROTHERS BE CONSIDERED.

AS FATHER DOMINIC GERLACH, COLLEGE ARCHIVIST, POINTS OUT "IN GENERAL, THE BROTHERS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN CONSCIENTIOUS WORKERS, BUT VERY RELIGIOUS MEN. RELIGION TO THEM IS NOT SOMETHING MERELY EXTERNAL OR ROUTINE, BUT A WAY OF LIFE. THESE BROTHERS LIVE A TRUE LIFE OF POVERTY IN THE STRICTEST SENSE, NOT POSSESSING SO MUCH AS AN ALLOWANCE."

THE BROTHERS HAVE A DESERVED REPUTATION AS MEN ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OUT BEYOND APPOINTED HOURS, AND AS FATHER JOSEPH KENKEL, COLLEGE PRESIDENT DURING 1927-37 SAYS "I HAVE NEVER HAD AN OCCASION TO ADMONISH ANY ONE OF THOSE MEN; THEY WERE ALL HARD WORKERS."

ONE BROTHER WHO BECAME AN INSTITUTION IN HIS OWN RIGHT WAS BROTHER VICTOR ZUBER, WHO SERVED THE COLLEGE DURING 1895-1945, A PERIOD OF 50 YEARS, DURING WHICH HE WAS MAIL CARRIER FOR 43 YEARS.

A NATIVE OF SWITZERLAND, BROTHER VICTOR WAS PROFESSED IN THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN 1884. HE BECAME INTERESTED IN MEDICINAL HERBS EARLY IN LIFE, AND DEVELOPED A HOBBY OF COLLECTING THEM.

HE PUT THIS KNOWLEDGE OF HERBS TO PRACTICAL USE BY SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPUS INFIRMARY DURING ALL EXCEPT HIS LATER YEARS AT THE COLLEGE. THE COLLEGE HEALTH CENTER WAS LOCATED IN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UNTIL DWENGER HALL WAS BUILT IN 1907.

BROTHER VICTOR'S WORK AS INFIRMARIAN DID NOT TAKE ALL OF HIS TIME, SO HE FOUND AN OPPORTUNITY TO INDULGE HIS SPECIAL INTEREST IN SHRUBS AND TREES. SOME OF THE TREES ON CAMPUS TODAY WERE STARTED BY HIM--ESPECIALLY THE WALNUT TREES FOUND IN THE GROVE AND ELSEWHERE.

OF HIS VARIOUS JOBS ON THE CAMPUS, BROTHER VICTOR MAY BE MOST BELOVED FOR HIS SERVICE AS CAMPUS MAIL CARRIER, WHICH REQUIRED THAT HE MAKE THE TRIP TO AND FROM RENSSELAER TWICE A DAY. MOST OF THESE YEARS, HE MADE THE TRIP WITH A HORSE AND CARRIAGE, THE LATTER POSSIBLY BEING A CONVERTED MILK WAGON.

THIS CARRIAGE PERFORMED DOUBLE DUTY, AS IT NOT ONLY HAULED MANY LETTERS EACH DAY, BUT ALSO CARRIED HEAVIER ARTICLES BACK AND FORTH, SUCH AS STUDENTS' TRUNKS TO AND FROM THE RENSSELAER RAILROAD STATION.

CAMPUS AND TOWN PERSONNEL READILY RECOGNIZED BROTHER VICTOR BY HIS LONG BEARD, AND HE IS BEST REMEMBERED AS A VERY KINDLY, CONSIDERATE AND THOUGHTFUL MAN. IN THAT RESPECT, HE TYPIFIES THE BROTHERS WHO HAVE FOR SO LONG SERVED THE CAMPUS WITH LITTLE FANFARE, BUT WITH UNLIMITED LOYALTY AND DEDICATION.

Brother Victor poses with his mail truck outside the Collegeville postoffice in the Ad Building.







Brother Victor [center] with an assistant nurse and some of the victims of the scarlet fever epidemic of 1916. The infirmary beds were upstairs in Dwenger Hall in a kind of common dormitory type of arrangement. During World War One several epidemics plagued the campus.



Presumably "veterans" of the scarlet fever epidemic of 1916. With such a crowd in the infirmary at one time, we may assume that the patients figured out ingenious ways of relieving the monotony.



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S BROTHER DAVE—GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — SINCE ITS FOUNDING 87 YEARS AGO, SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HAS BEEN THE HOME OF MANY DEDICATED, MEMORABLE PERSONS, AND ONE OF THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE HAS TO BE BROTHER DAVID SCHNEIDER, WHO HOLDS AN ALL-TIME RECORD OF SERVICE AT COLLEGEVILLE.

A NATIVE OF ALTENSCHWAND, BADEN (GERMANY), BROTHER DAVE FIRST CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S AS A STUDENT DURING 1894-99, THEN FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS HE TRANSFERRED TO THE OLD INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL WHERE HE WORKED IN THE FORMER PRINT SHOP BEHIND DREXEL HALL, SETTING TYPE BY HAND.

UPON HIS PROFESSION AS A BROTHER IN 1902, HE RETURNED TO SJC AND BECAME THE COLLEGE BARBER, SERVING IN THIS JOB WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR THE NEXT 54 YEARS. FATHER DOMINIC GERLACH, COLLEGE HISTORIAN, REPORTS THIS IS AN ALL-TIME RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE.

BROTHER DAVE'S BARBER SHOP WAS LOCATED SUCCESSIVELY IN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THE "OLD GYM," GASPAR HALL, AND THE BASEMENT OF SCIENCE HALL. AND HIS SHOP WAS A BUSY AND POPULAR PLACE, BECAUSE ALL OF THE COLLEGE STUDENTS (USUALLY 200 TO 300) GOT THEIR HAIRCUTS HERE.

STUDENTS DIDN'T COMMUTE TO HOME OR TOWN FOR HAIRCUTS AS THEY DO NOW, AND THEY FOUND HIS CHARGE OF 25 CENTS A GENUINE BARGAIN (THE PRICE DID RISE TO 50 CENTS IN THE 1950'S). A SMALL STORE WENT WITH THE BARBERSHOP, WHERE STUDENTS COULD PURCHASE PIPES, TOBACCO AND CANDY.



BROTHER DAVE IS WELL REMEMBERED BY HUNDREDS OF SJC ALUMNI AS A SPORTS ENTHUSIAST. A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM IN 1899, HE LATER PARTICIPATED IN SPORTS LIKE BASEBALL, TENNIS AND BASKETBALL WITH VIGOR AND ENJOYMENT. HE COULD BE COUNTED ON TO ASSIST CAMPUS SEMINARIANS IN THEIR INTRAMURAL CONTESTS WITH SECULAR STUDENTS.

HE SAW HIS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME AT CINCINNATI IN 1900, AND THEREAFTER WAS A STAUNCH REDS FAN, ALWAYS READY TO RECITE THE TEAM'S LATEST STATISTICS. AS LATE AS 1952, HIS BARBER SHOP FEATURED AN OLD ATWATER KENT RADIO--A MODEL WITH THE SEPARATE SPEAKER, MADE IN THE LATE 1920'S--WHERE HE LISTENED TO THE PROGRESS OF THE TEAM HE PRONOUNCED AS THE "RETTS."

WHEN THE CHICAGO BEARS BEGAN USING SAINT JOSEPH'S AS ITS SUMMER TRAINING CAMP IN 1944, BROTHER DAVE ADDED THEM TO HIS LIST OF SPORTS FAVORITES, AS WELL AS HIS LIST OF CUSTOMERS. UP UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS DEATH IN 1958, HE OWNED SEASON PASSES TO ALL BEARS' HOME GAMES.

POSSIBLY BROTHER DAVE'S MOST TREASURED SPORTS SOUVENIR REMAINS TODAY IN THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES: A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE CINCINNATI REDS, DATED JULY 15, 1947, IN WHICH THE TEAM GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES HIS INTEREST IN THEM.

A FRIENDLY, OUTGOING PERSON, BROTHER DAVE REMAINS A FAVORITE AMONG HUNDREDS OF COLLEGEVILLE ALUMNI. A NUMBER OF FORMER STUDENTS RECALL THAT HE WAS ONE ADULT THEY COULD CONFIDE IN AND GO TO WITH THEIR PROBLEMS.

BROTHER CLETUS SCHEUER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S RECALLS YET TODAY, WITH A SLIGHT SMILE, HOW BROTHER DAVE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH STUDENTS DIDN'T ALWAYS DOVETAIL WITH COLLEGE REGULATIONS. THOUGH PIPE TOBACCO WAS PERMITTED, CIGARETTES WERE NOT, AND BROTHER DAVE HAD A FEW OF THE LATTER STORED UNDERNEATH THE COUNTER IN HIS BARBER SHOP. STUDENTS WHO GOT A FEW CIGARETTES FROM BROTHER DAVE WOULDN'T HAVE TO SNEAK UPTOWN TO GET THEM.

IN ADDITION TO HIS BARBERSHOP DUTIES, BROTHER DAVE IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR RIDING HIS BICYCLE WITH THE WIRE BASKET ATTACHED IN FRONT OF THE HANDLEBARS. HE FREQUENTLY RAN ERRANDS VIA BICYCLE INTO RENSSELAER FOR CAMPUS PERSONNEL---IN FACT, HARDLY A DAY PASSED WITHOUT HIS HAVING MADE AT LEAST ONE TRIP INTO TOWN.

BROTHER DAVE RETIRED FROM BARBERING IN 1956 AND IT WAS A TRAGIC DAY FOR THE COLLEGE WHEN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT TOOK HIS LIFE ON APR. 28, 1958.



Brother David in his barber shop in the "Old Gym" in 1907.  
A sign above the mirror: "Kwitcherkicken, Keep Smiling."



SUBJECT: FATHER BENEDICT BOEBNER FILLED GAP IN FATHER SEIFERT'S PRESIDENCY

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — AN INTERIM PRESIDENCY MIGHT SEEM LIKE A RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT ITEM IN THE HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, BUT FATHER BENEDICT BOEBNER, THE SCHOOL'S SECOND PRESIDENT, ENHANCED PAST PROGRAMS AND MADE THE WAY FOR FUTURE PROGRESS DURING HIS TERM OF 1899-1902.

FATHER BOEBNER JOINED SAINT JOSEPH'S FACULTY IN 1891 AT THE AGE OF 31, FOLLOWING EIGHT YEARS AS PASTOR OF A CHURCH IN OTTAWA, OHIO. HE SERVED AS FATHER SEIFERT'S RIGHT-HAND MAN AS VICE-PRESIDENT AND DISCIPLINARIAN, THEN ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY IN SEPTEMBER OF 1899 WHEN FATHER SEIFERT BECAME RECTOR OF SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY AT CARTHAGENA, OHIO.

FATHER SEIFERT COMPLETED CURRICULUM REFORM AT CARTHAGENA AND RESUMED THE COLLEGE PRESIDENCY IN NOVEMBER, 1902, WHEREUPON FATHER BOEBNER BECAME RECTOR AT SAINT CHARLES. DURING HIS PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER, FATHER BOEBNER CONTINUED HIS SUPPORT OF CAMPUS PROGRAMS, MAKING COLLEGEVILLE A STILL BETTER PLACE TO STUDY, PRAY AND LIVE.

GROWTH OF THE PHYSICAL PLANT AND DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPUS CLUBS HIGHLIGHTED HIS PRESIDENCY. IN 1900, THE COLLEGE ERECTED AN ENORMOUS BARN, SUPPOSEDLY THE LARGEST IN THE STATE--150 FEET LONG, 75 FEET WIDE AND 75 FEET TALL. STANDING WHERE THE WESTERN PART OF HALLECK CENTER NOW IS, IT WAS A BANK BARN WITH THE DAIRY DEPARTMENT IN ITS BASEMENT.

IN FEBRUARY, 1901, FATHER BOEBNER HELPED ORGANIZE THE FIRST VARSITY BASE--

BALL TEAM (RENSSELAER BUSINESSMEN DONATED \$70 FOR UNIFORMS THE FOLLOWING YEAR) AND IN JUNE, 1902, THE FIRST GYMNASIIC CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED.

AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF FATHER BOEBNER IS GAINED BY LOOKING AT THE YEARS BEFORE HE BECAME PRESIDENT. HE SERVED AS A TEACHER, VICE-PRESIDENT AND PREFECT OF DISCIPLINE, AND STUDENTS RECALL HIM AS BEING VERY STERN AND RIGID, THOUGH THEY SENSED THIS STERNNESS WAS CONSIDERED BY HIM AS A DUTY DEMANDED OF HIS OFFICE, AND THAT SUCH SEVERITY WAS NOT NATURAL TO HIM.

A WARM, CONSIDERATE COUNSELOR, FATHER BOEBNER WAS A BUFFER BETWEEN THE STUDENT AND FATHER SEIFERT. HE ENCOURAGED STUDENT INITIATIVE AND CARRIED THEIR REQUESTS TO THE PRESIDENT. THUS MANY OF THE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE EARLY DAYS, POSSIBLY MOST OF THEM, HAD THEIR INCEPTION WITH FATHER BOEBNER.

BETWEEN 1892 AND 1895 HE HELPED ORGANIZE THE COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY, A SCHOOL MILITARY DRILL TEAM, THE FIRST COLLEGE BAND, BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAMS, THE CHOIR AND THE COLLEGIAN, THE SCHOOL'S FIRST PUBLICATION. OF THESE, FATHER BOEBNER IS BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS WORK WITH THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION.

THE MILITARY WAS A POPULAR CAMPUS ACTIVITY (COLLEGE SPORTS WERE STILL IN THEIR INFANCY) DURING THESE YEARS OF EXTROVERT PATRIOTISM IN AN AGE THAT PRODUCED THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND WILLIAM J. BRYAN. ORGANIZED IN 1892, THE GROUP WAS CALLED THE "SEIFERT LIGHT GUARDS." THE FOLLOWING YEAR IT WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A COMPANY "B" AND FROM THE TWO WERE SELECTED THE "BOEBNER COLUMBIAN GUARDS" FOR SPECIAL MANEUVERS AND FANCY DRILLS.

THIS DRILL TEAM PERFORMED ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (TOGETHER WITH THE COLLEGE BAND), ON SPECIAL OFF-CAMPUS OCCASIONS AND AS AN HONOR GUARD AND ESCORT WHEN THE BISHOP CAME AND LEFT THE COLLEGE. MAY 25, 1894, MARKED THE START OF AN ANNUAL "MILITARY DAY" FEATURING A MILITARY MASS, BLESSING OF THE FLAG, ORATORY AND IN 1897 EVEN "THE STORMING OF FT. THOMAS" BY THE SAINT JOSEPH'S BATTALION.

AT THE END OF MILITARY DAY, JUDGES AWARDED GOOD PERFORMERS AND PROMOTIONS



IN RANK WERE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AS THE MILITARY INTEREST GREW, EQUIPMENT IMPROVED UNTIL IN 1898 THE DRILL TEAM ACQUIRED FANCY UNIFORMS AND AN ELITE GROUP CALLED THEMSELVES THE COLUMBIAN ZOUAVES.

A BASEBALL TEAM WAS FIRST ORGANIZED IN 1901, AND BY THE FOLLOWING YEAR INTEREST IN THE MILITARY BEGAN TO DECLINE. NEXT THE MILITARY WAS ORGANIZED INTO THE "SAINT JOSEPH'S VOLUNTEERS," WITH MEMBERSHIP, ODDLY ENOUGH, BECOMING OBLIGATORY. BUT BY 1907 UNIFORMS AND FIREARMS WERE DISCARDED AND ONLY DRILLS WERE STILL HELD. THE LAST DRILL WAS HELD IN THE FALL OF 1909.

AFTER TWO YEARS (1902-04) AS RECTOR OF SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY, FATHER BOEBNER MOVED TO ST. JOSEPH, MO., FROM WHERE HE TRAVELED TO AND SERVED PARISH MISSIONS UNTIL 1916. IN THAT YEAR, HE RETURNED TO JASPER COUNTY, TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN WHAT IS NOW DREXEL HALL.

HERE HE BECAME EDITOR OF THE TWO PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS THE MESSENGER AND ITS GERMAN-LANGUAGE COUNTERPART, DER BOTSCHAFTER. THE PUBLICATIONS HAD BEEN FOUNDED IN 1894 AND 1896, WHEN THE INDIAN SCHOOL CLOSED AT DREXEL HALL; THE EDITORIAL OFFICE WAS SET UP THERE AND THE PRINTING PRESS WAS LOCATED IN A BUILDING IMMEDIATELY BEHIND IT.

FATHER BOEBNER FOLLOWED THE PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT TO SAINT CHARLES IN 1922 WHEN IT WAS INSTALLED AT THE NEW SEMINARY BUILDING THERE. HE WROTE MANY NEWS ITEMS AND EDITORIALS FOR THE TWO MAGAZINES, AND REMAINED AT SAINT CHARLES UNTIL HE CELEBRATED THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF HIS ORDINATION IN 1933.

NEXT HE SERVED AS CHAPLAIN AT THE MARIA-JOSEPH HOME NEAR DAYTON, OHIO. PNEUMONIA, COMPLICATED BY A LONG-TIME DIABETIC CONDITION, ENDED HIS LIFE ON FEB. 7, 1937.

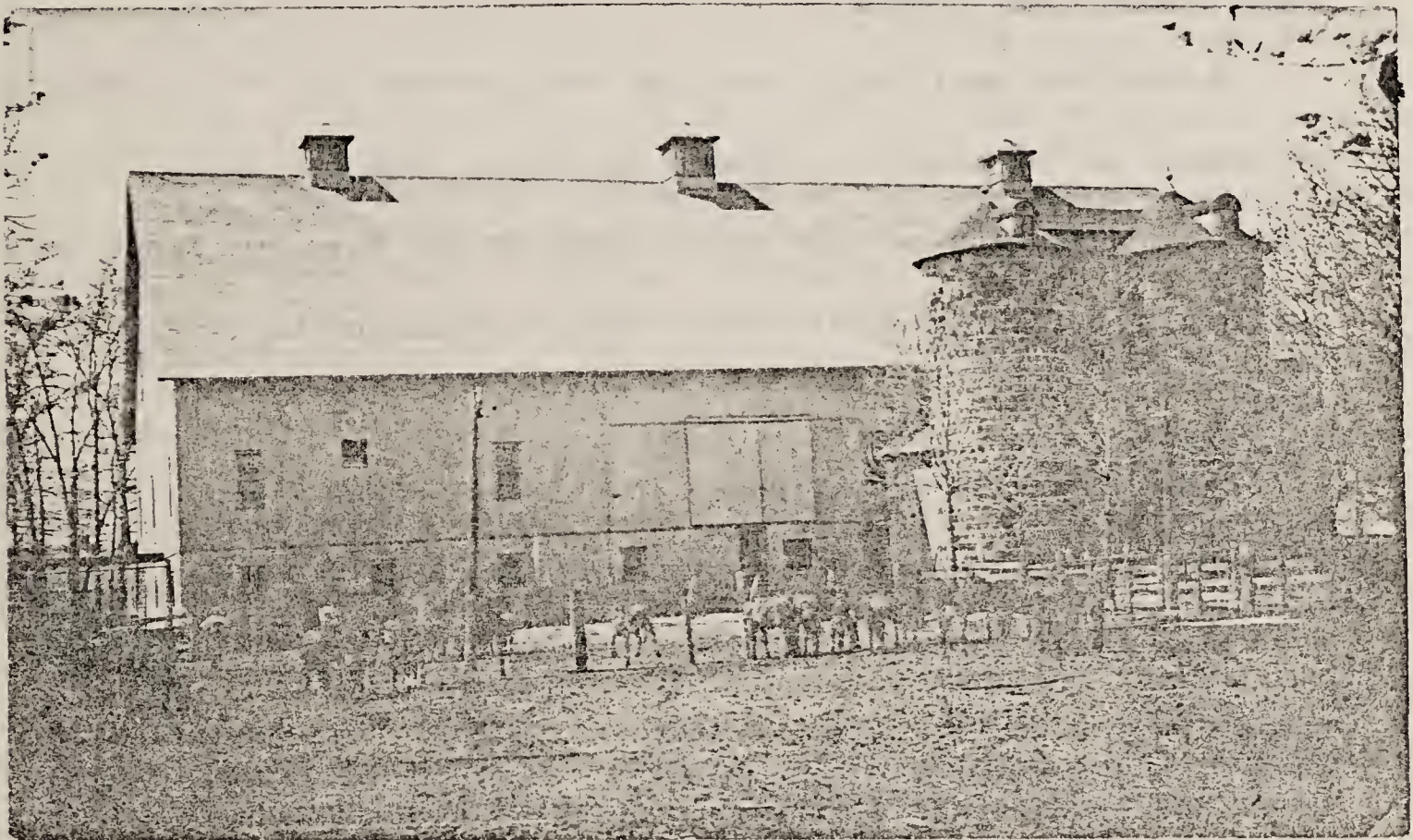
Rev. Benedict Boebner







The most striking club organized on the campus in the 1890's was the military. Here the fancily clad Columbian Zouaves pose for a picture. One of the students [left recliner], William Arnold, later became U. S. Chief of Chaplains [World War Two] and a bishop.



"Benedict Boebner's Big Bank Barn," built 1900, was reputed to have been the largest barn in the state. It was primarily a dairy barn and stood for 54 years on the site now occupied by Halleck Center. The view is from the east.



SUBJECT: HISTORIC CHAPEL TOWERS OVER SAINT JOSEPH'S AS NEVER BEFORE

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE LOST ITS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO FIRE IN THE EARLY MORNING OF FEB. 4, 1973, IT LEFT THE HISTORIC CHAPEL TOWERING OVER THE REST OF THE CAMPUS AS THE CENTRAL BUILDING.

FORESIGHT, COURAGE OF CONVICTION AND FAITH IN THE FUTURE WERE ASSETS OF EARLY COLLEGE OFFICIALS WHO ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER, 1908, THAT SJC WOULD BUILD A NEW CHAPEL.

A NEED FOR SOLID RELIGIOUS AND MORAL FORMATION FOR STUDENTS WAS HEAVILY STRESSED, SO THE SCHOOL'S SLENDER RESOURCES WERE DEDICATED TO "A MONUMENT THAT WILL FOREVER SHOW THAT THE FATHERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD DO NOT NEGLECT THE EDUCATION OF THE HEART WHILE THEY ARE ENDEAVORING TO FILL THE RECEPTIVE MINDS."

MORAL BEHAVIOR WAS ATTENDED TO WITH WATCHFUL, STERN DISCIPLINE: ALL STUDENTS ATTENDED MORNING MASS AND EVENING BENEDICTION DAILY IN THE CHAPEL, PLUS MANY OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. THE CHAPEL WAS THE CENTER OF THE COLLEGE, AND IT RECEIVED PRIORITY OVER BUILDING OF A COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR PRIESTS AND BROTHERS, ALSO BEING CONSIDERED AT THAT TIME. IN FACT, A COMMUNITY HOUSE DID NOT BECOME A REALITY UNTIL OVER 50 YEAR LATER WHEN SCHWIETERMAN HALL WAS BUILT.

WHEN SAINT JOSEPH'S OPENED IN 1891 WITH 54 STUDENTS ENROLLED, CHURCH SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN THE SOUTH END OF THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IN STARTING THE COLLEGE, PRIMARY CONSIDERATION HAD TO BE GIVEN DORMITORIES, DINING FACILITIES, CLASSROOMS AND EVEN A GYMNASIUM. AFTER 1893, A MORE PERMANENT LOCATION WAS ARRANGED ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN THE NORTH END OF THE AD BUILDING.

HERMAN J. GAUL OF CHICAGO, WHO FOUR YEARS LATER DESIGNED SCIENCE HALL, WAS ARCHITECT FOR THE NEW ROMANESQUE-STYLED COLLEGE CHAPEL. CONTRACTORS WERE THE MEDLAND BROTHERS OF LOGANSPORT, WHO HAD DONE ALL OF THE PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS THUS FAR ON CAMPUS. COST OF THE CHAPEL WAS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000--EASILY THE BIGGEST BUILDING PROJECT YET UNDERTAKEN BY SJC AT THIS TIME, AND FUNDS WERE PROVIDED BY THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY.

STARTING WITH A LOAN OF \$60,000, WORK COMMENCED IN MARCH, 1909, WHEN LOCAL LABOR DUG THE FOUNDATION AND ABOUT 500,000 RED BRICKS AND ELEVEN RAILROAD CARLOADS OF BEDFORD STONE, TO BE USED FOR STONE TRIMMINGS, WERE STOCK-PILED AT THE BUILDING SITE. DIMENSIONS OF THE NEW CHAPEL WERE 172 BY 84 FEET AND THE "TWIN TOWERS" REACHED 130 FEET.

ITS SEATING CAPACITY OF 600 MADE THIS A CHAPEL IDEAL FOR A GROWING SCHOOL THAT ENROLLED 225 IN THE FALL OF 1908 BUT TURNED AWAY 50 FURTHER APPLICANTS FOR LACK OF SPACE. THE CHAPEL ITSELF WAS EXPECTED TO DRAW MORE STUDENTS AND BENEFACTORS. SEVERAL DINING ROOMS WERE BUILT BENEATH THE FULL LENGTH OF THE CHAPEL, AND A SISTERS' CONVENT (NOW AQUINAS HALL), AND KITCHEN AND STOREROOMS WERE ATTACHED TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER. ALL THESE FACILITIES WERE PREVIOUSLY HOUSED IN THE AD BUILDING.

ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR COMPLETION OF THE CHAPEL IN SEPTEMBER, 1909, BUT THE INEVITABLE DELAYS AND OBSTACLES (SUCH AS GLASS THAT ARRIVED AND DIDN'T



FIT INTO THE WINDOW FRAMES) FORCED A POSTPONEMENT OF NEARLY EIGHT MONTHS. THUS THE CONVENT, KITCHEN AND DINING ROOMS WERE IN USE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE CHAPEL WAS COMPLETED.

MAY 2, 1909, MARKED THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONIES, WHICH WERE PURPOSELY LOW-KEYED SO THAT THE DEDICATION ON MAY 17, 1910, WOULD BE THE BIGGEST EVENT IN COLLEGE HISTORY. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CAME FOR THE BIG DAY, WHICH WAS PRECEDED BY A COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY DRAMA GIVEN THE EVENING OF MAY 16.

BISHOP HERMAN J. ALERDING OF FORT WAYNE PRESIDED OVER FESTIVITIES, BLESSING THE CHAPEL AND PREACHING THE SERMON AT THE PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS THAT FOLLOWED. HUNDREDS OF VISITORS OVERFLOWED THE CHAPEL, THEN ATTENDED A BANQUET IN THE NEW AND OLD DINING ROOMS.

INDIANA GOVERNOR THOMAS R. MARSHALL GAVE THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS TO AN EARLY-AFTERNOON CONVOCATION IN THE "OLD GYM," STRESSING THE VALUE OF CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN THOSE TIMES. FOLLOWING THIS, SJC TRIMMED DEPAUL BY 6-5 IN A BASEBALL GAME, CAPPING A SPECIAL DAY OF TRIUMPH, ESPECIALLY FOR COLLEGE PRESIDENT FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT, WHO HAD DIRECTED THE GROWING SCHOOL THROUGH MOST OF ITS EARLY YEARS.

AN OVER-SIZED SANCTUARY PROVIDING SPACE FOR NINE ALTARS WHERE PRIESTS SAID MASS INDIVIDUALLY CHARACTERIZED THE NEW CHAPEL. STATUES, SUCH AS THOSE OF ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO (FOUNDER OF THE C.P.P.S.) AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (THE SOCIETY'S PATRON SAINT), WERE CHOSEN ON THE BASIS OF THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE STUDENTS.

OTHER MAJOR FEATURES OF THE CHAPEL ARE THE 12 "SCAGLIOLA" PILLARS, REFERRING TO A TYPE OF IMITATION MARBLE USED TO COVER THE STEEL BEAMS. ITALIAN CRAFTSMEN MOLDED THE PILLARS. LIKE THE ALTAR STATUES, THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS PORTRAY RELIGIOUS SCENES RELEVANT TO THE STUDENTS.

A CHICAGOAN FRESCOED THE WALLS AND CEILING IN ARTISTIC DESIGNS, AND THREE LARGE PAINTINGS, DONE IN AN ART SCHOOL IN MUNICH, GERMANY, HIGHLIGHT THE SANCTUARY. THESE ARRIVED IN NOVEMBER, 1910.

FOR LIGHTING PURPOSES, A LARGE CHANDELIER WAS HUNG FROM EACH OF THE SIZEABLE CEILING VAULTS, EXCEPT THE ONE OVER THE HIGH ALTAR, WHERE A ROUND WINDOW LETS IN LIGHT FROM THE OUTSIDE. OTHER LIGHTS WERE ATTACHED AROUND THE PILLARS, AND ON THE COMMUNION TABLE TWO ANGELS EACH HOLDING A LIGHT WERE PLACED AT BOTH ENDS.

THREE BELLS WERE INSTALLED IN THE EAST TOWER IN JUNE, 1919. CAST BY THE MCSHANE BELL FOUNDRY COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, THE BELLS ARE 22 PERCENT TIN AND 78 PERCENT COPPER. THEY WERE NAMED ST. JOSEPH, ST. AGATHA AND AVE MARIA, RESPECTIVELY, AND EACH CARRIED AN INSCRIPTION IN LATIN OF A BIBLICAL QUOTATION REFERRING TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

A SETH THOMAS TOWER CLOCK THAT ACTIVATES THE BELLS EVERY 15 MINUTES WAS INSTALLED IN THE EAST TOWER IN DECEMBER, 1920. IT WAS ORIGINALLY CONNECTED TO OTHER CLOCKS IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MONITOR THE TIME FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.

LATE IN 1920 THE COLLEGE ARRANGED FOR AN ORGAN WITH THE VOTTELER, HOLTKAMP SPARLING COMPANY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO. THE NEW ORGAN ARRIVED AUG. 1, 1921, AND WAS DEDICATED NOV. 13, 1921.

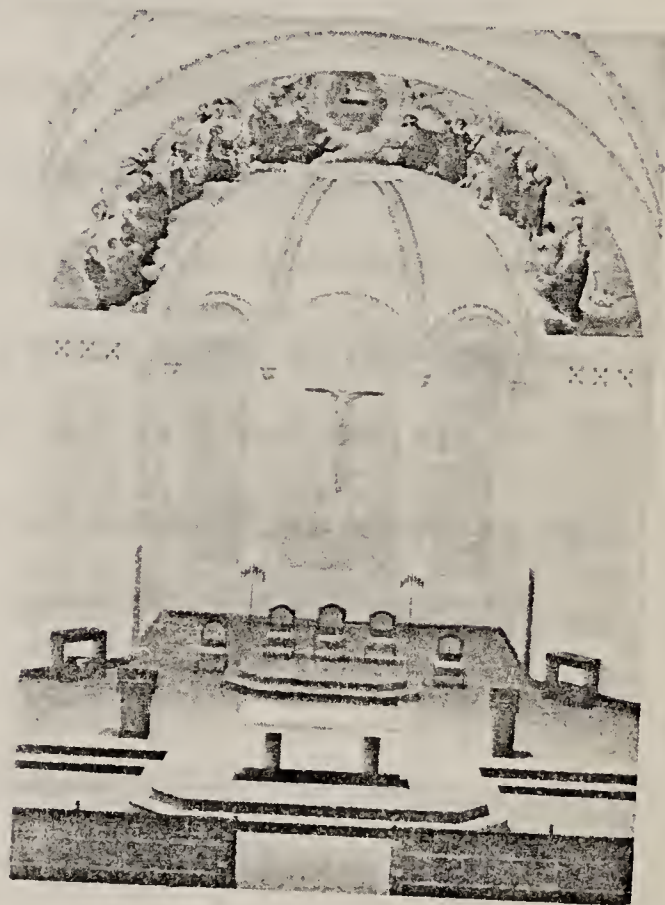
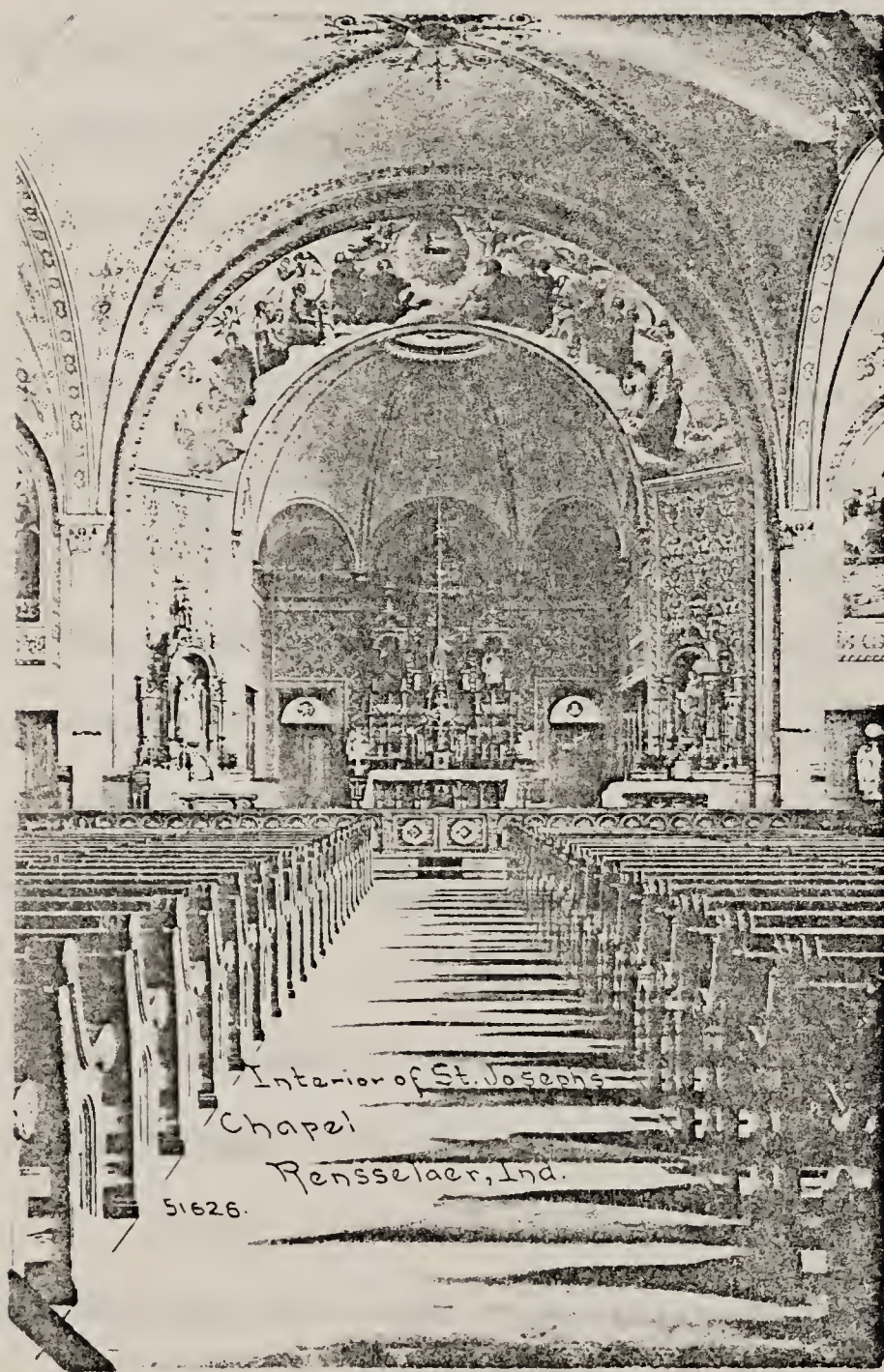
SJC DISPLAYED JUSTIFIED PRIDE IN THE ORGAN, PARTLY THROUGH A SERIES OF ANNUAL CHAPEL CONCERTS FEATURING ORGAN SOLOS BY PROFESSOR PAUL C. TONNER WITH ACCOMPANIMENT BY FATHER JUSTIN HENKEL'S COLLEGE CHOIR.

COST OF THE PIPE ORGAN, WHICH CONTAINS ABOUT 1000 PIPES AND HAS THREE MANUALS, WAS \$14,000. DONORS OFFERED TO PAY ABOUT HALF THE COST OF BOTH THE ORGAN AND BELLS. ON FEB. 12, 1952, THE CARILLONIC BELLS, DONATED IN MEMORY



OF FATHER CYRIL KNUE, WERE INSTALLED IN THE WEST CHAPEL TOWER.

EVEN TODAY, THE CHAPEL'S EXTERIOR REMAINS UNCHANGED AFTER 65 YEARS OF REPRESENTING THE EDUCATIONAL, MORAL BASE ON WHICH SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE STANDS.



The college chapel then [1911] and now [1976]



SUBJECT: CHAPEL DEDICATION WAS EARLY HIGHLIGHT IN SAINT JOSEPH'S HISTORY

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE STRUGGLED THROUGH SEVERAL DIFFICULT YEARS FOLLOWING ITS FOUNDING IN 1889, BUT A STRONG SIGN THAT THE YOUNG SCHOOL HAD MET AND MASTERED ITS EARLY CHALLENGES CAME ON MAY 17, 1910, WITH THE DEDICATION OF AN IMPRESSIVE CHAPEL.

"MAGNIFICENT CHURCH AT ST. JOSEPH DEDICATED" WAS THE MAIN HEADLINE IN THE MAY 20, 1910 EDITION OF THE RENSSELAER REPUBLICAN, WHICH DEVOTED ITS FIRST TWO PAGES TO A STORY AND PICTURES OF THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

THIS TWO-DAY CELEBRATION INCLUDED A DRAMA PERFORMANCE, A CONCERT, A BASEBALL GAME, A BANQUET, A PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS, AND A CONVOCATION IN THE AUDITORIUM. THE REPUBLICAN STRESSED THAT "MAY 17, 1910, WAS THE GREATEST DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION."

UNTIL THIS TIME, THE CHAPEL HAD BEEN BY FAR THE MOST EXTRAVAGANT PROJECT IN SCHOOL HISTORY. ALTHOUGH THE LESS THAN 300 STUDENTS IN 1910 WOULD HARDLY FILL THE IMPOSING NEW STRUCTURE, THE CHAPEL AND A CORRESPONDING INSPIRING WORSHIP WAS INTENDED TO ATTRACT MANY MORE STUDENTS.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, THE CHAPEL ASSERTED TO THE WORLD THAT THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY CENTERED UPON THE CHURCH. THE POPULAR MOTTO OF THE TIME, "TRAIN THE HEART AND THE MIND," WAS INTENDED IN THAT ORDER.

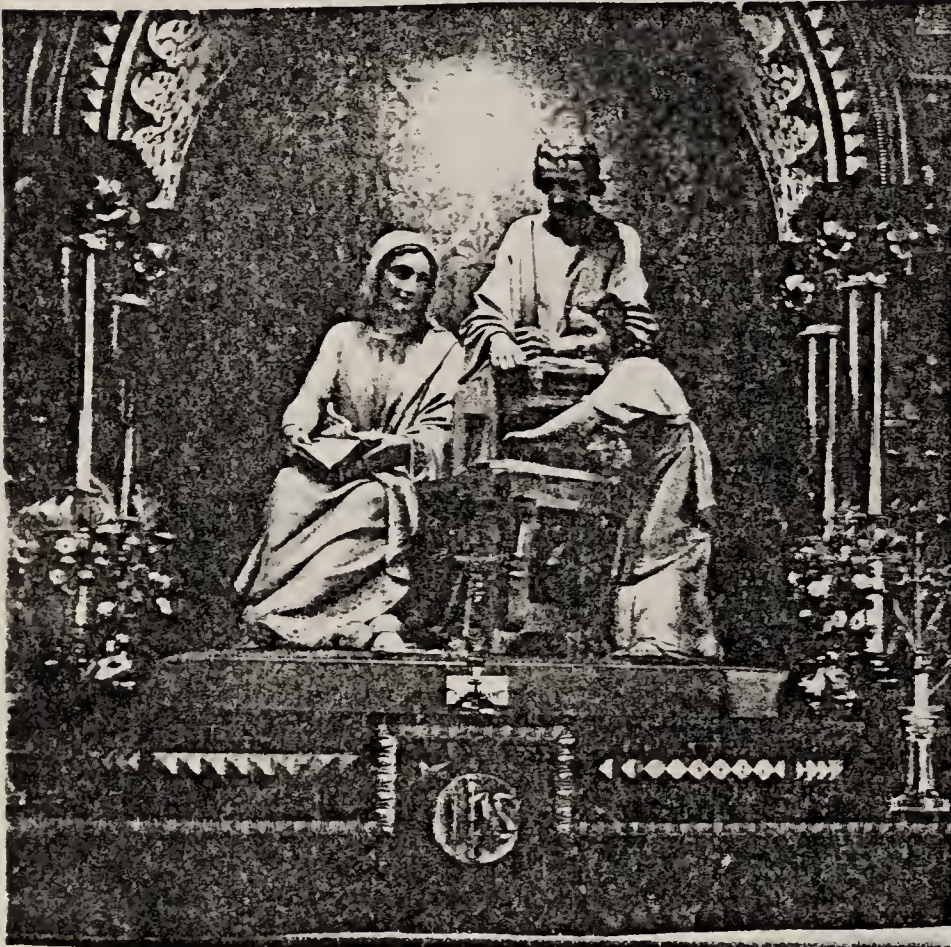
ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATIONS IN THE CHAPEL HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR RENOVATION, A VISIT THERE CAN STILL RECALL HOW IT MUST



HAVE RELATED TO STUDENTS 65 YEARS AGO.

TWO LARGE PAINTINGS AT THE FRONT OF THE CHAPEL, DONE IN A MUNICH ART INSTITUTE, RECALLED TO PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY STUDENTS A SCENE FROM THE LIFE OF THEIR FOUNDER, ST. GASPAR, AND TO THE OTHER STUDENTS CHRIST'S COMMISSION TO HIS APOSTLES TO BE FISHERS OF MEN. THE SAINTS IN THE ELEGANT STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE CHAPEL ARE MOSTLY PATRONS OF YOUTH AND STUDENTS.

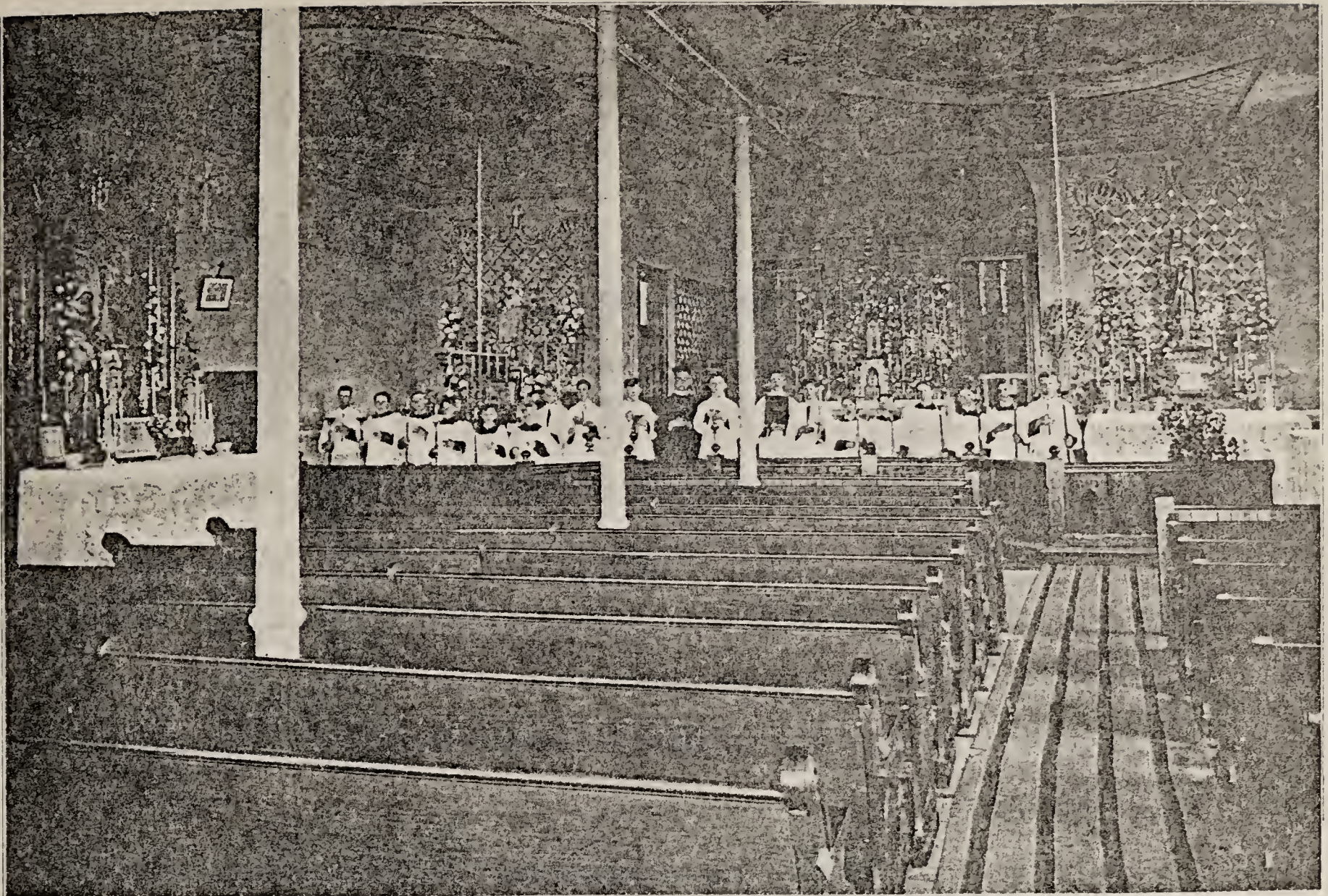
SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE EARLY 1900'S REQUIRED HOURS OF PRACTICE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHOIR. THE REQUIREMENT OF CHAPEL ATTENDANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS MAY NOT HAVE PROPELLED MANY INTO IMMEDIATE, JOYOUS ECSTASY, BUT IT DID UNDERSCORE THE SERIOUSNESS OF RELIGION IN THEIR LIVES.



Two of the original eight side altars in the chapel sanctuary: the Holy Family and the Pieta.







The old chapel in the Ad Building, 1893 to 1910, on the second floor north end. Pictured is the St. Stanislaus Altar Society. The altar society was an indication of the emphasis placed on the liturgy, where one hundred per cent attendance was both frequent and normal. The students spent many hours on their knees.



The St. Stanislaus Altar Society in the early 1920's. The purpose of the society was to foster interest and expertise in the very elaborate [Latin] liturgy of those days. Proper attire [cassock and surplice] added to the sense of awareness of the sacred action.



SUBJECT: BELLS HAVE RUNG FOR MANY REASONS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — BELLS HAVE RUNG AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR MANY REASONS DURING THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY, RANGING FROM RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO THE CELEBRATING OF A BASKETBALL VICTORY.

WHATEVER THE CAUSE FOR RINGING, HOWEVER, STUDENTS HAVE LONG BEEN AWARE OF THE THREE BELLS IN THE EAST TOWER OF THE COLLEGE CHAPEL.

ALTHOUGH THE CHAPEL HAD BEEN COMPLETED BY 1910, BELLS WERE OF LITTLE NOTE ON THE CAMPUS UNTIL 1919. A SMALL BELL HAD HUNG IN A LITTLE TOWER ABOVE THE INDIAN SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND ANOTHER BELL WAS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH TOWER OF THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

MAY 30, 1919, WAS THE ARRIVAL DATE OF THE THREE NEW CHAPEL BELLS FROM THE MCSHANE BELL FOUNDRY COMPANY OF BALTIMORE, MD. THEY WERE RUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME WHILE STILL ON THE GROUND AT 5:30 P.M. ON MAY 31, THEN WERE BLESSED THE FOLLOWING DAY AND SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THAT WERE MOUNTED IN THE EAST TOWER.

THESE BELLS ARE CONSTRUCTED OF AN ALLOY OF 22 PERCENT TIN AND 78 PERCENT COPPER AND PRODUCE A DIATONIC SCALE OF E-FLAT, F AND G. NOT COUNTING THE YOKES OR HANGINGS, THE BELLS WEIGH 2600, 1850 AND 1350 POUNDS RESPECTIVELY--WELL OVER TWO TONS ALTOGETHER.

THEY WERE CHRISTENED ST. JOSEPH, ST. AGATHA AND AVE MARIA RESPECTIVELY AND EACH CARRIED AN INSCRIPTION FROM A BIBLICAL PASSAGE REFERRING TO THE

PRECIOUS BLOOD. THE LATIN PASSAGES AND THEIR ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS ARE:

"BEATI QUI LAVANT STOLAS SUAS IN SANGUINE AGNI -- BLESSED ARE THEY WHO WASH THEIR ROBES IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB," "REDEMISTI NOS, DOMINE, IN SANGUINE TUO -- YOU HAVE REDEEMED US, LORD, IN YOUR BLOOD" AND "ERIT SANGUIS AGNI VOBIS IN SIGNUM -- THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU."

ONE BELL WAS NAMED ST. AGATHA, FOR SHE IS THE PATRONESS OR PROTECTRESS AGAINST FIRES AND NONE OF THE CAMPUS BUILDINGS UP TO THAT TIME HAD BEEN MADE OF FIREPROOF MATERIALS. ST. AGATHA ALSO USED TO BE REPRESENTED BY A STATUE OVER ONE OF THE SIDE ALTARS IN THE CHAPEL, AND EACH YEAR HER FEAST WAS OBSERVED WITH SPECIAL SOLEMNITY.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLICY FOR THE BELLS WAS THAT THE SMALL BELL BE RUNG FOR THE ANGELUS THREE TIMES A DAY, THAT TWO BELLS BE RUNG FOR ORDINARY CHURCH SERVICES, AND THAT ALL THREE BELLS BE RUNG FOR SOLEMN OCCASIONS AND ON SATURDAY EVENINGS. THE LATTER WAS A TRADITION TO MARK THE END OF THE WEEK'S WORK, IN JOYFUL PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY.

WHEN THE BELLS WERE INSTALLED, COLLEGE AUTHORITIES PROUDLY NOTED "WE HOPE THE BELLS WILL BE A JOY FOREVER TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD." ON CLEAR, QUIET DAYS, THEIR SOUND CARRIES TO A RADIUS OF FIVE TO SIX MILES.

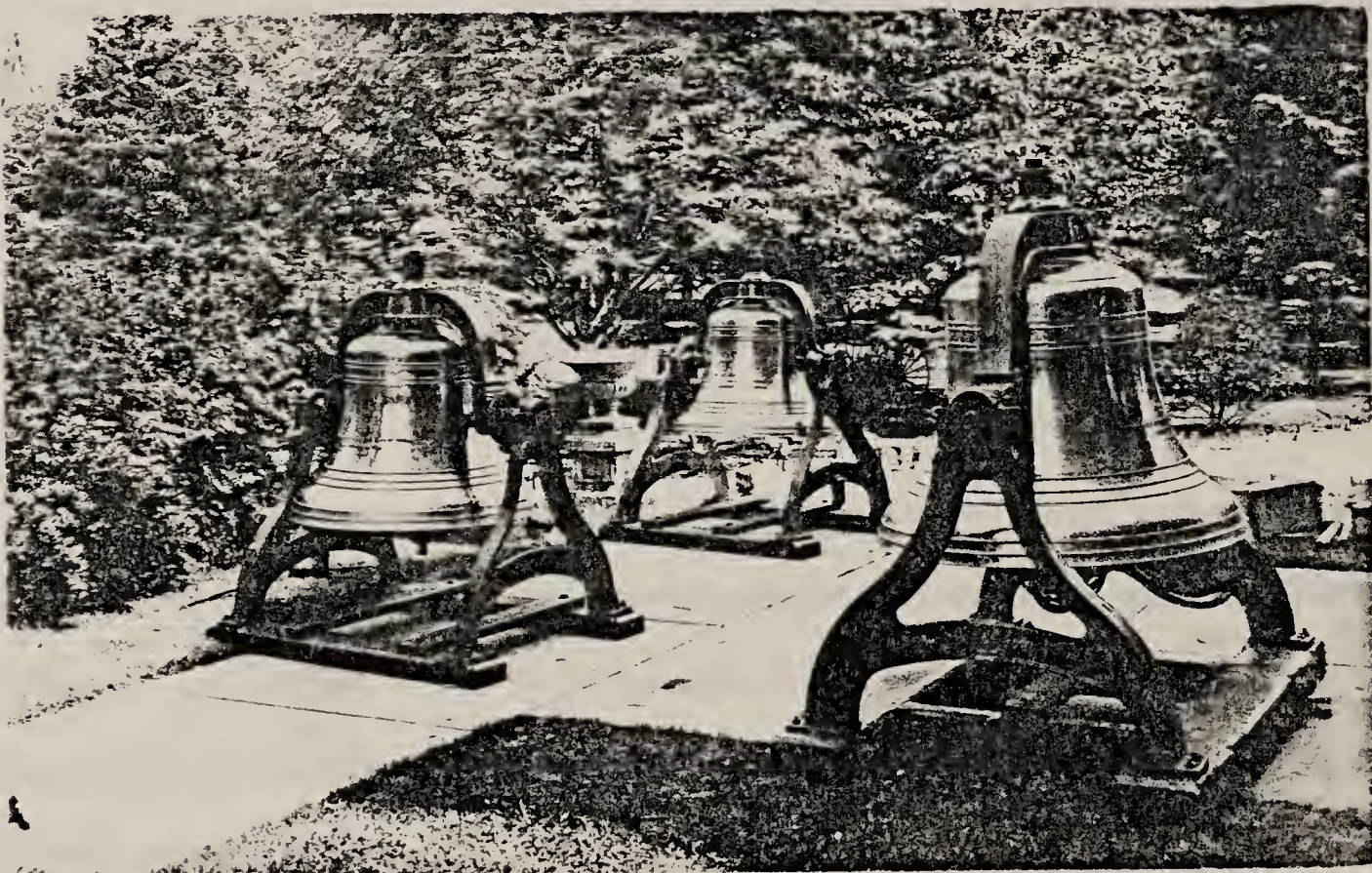
IN RECENT YEARS, STUDENTS HAVE OCCASIONALLY INSTITUTED AN INFORMAL AND FORBIDDEN CUSTOM OF RINGING THE BELLS AFTER AN EXCITING BASKETBALL VICTORY OR EVEN AT TIMES WHEN A STUDENT FEELS HE MUST CELEBRATE SOMETHING.

DURING DECEMBER OF 1920, A SETH THOMAS TOWER CLOCK WAS INSTALLED AND WAS MADE TO ACTIVATE THE BELLS EVERY 15 MINUTES, AS IT NORMALLY DOES TO THIS VERY DAY. IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER, THE CLOCK MECHANISM HAS BEEN ELECTRIFIED.



IT WASN'T UNTIL 1952 THAT THE WEST CHAPEL TOWER WAS USED, NOT FOR BELLS, BUT FOR ELECTRONIC CARILLONS. THEY ARE ACTIVATED BY THE KEYBOARD OF THE CHAPEL ORGAN, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE CHOIR LOFT.

THESE CARILLONS WERE DONATED BY A SISTER OF THE LATE FATHER CYRIL KNUE, EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.



Only in the spring of 1919 did the three chapel bells finally arrive. Altogether they constitute nearly three tons [5800 lbs.] of metal. They were christened [left to right] St. Agatha [patroness against fires], Ave Maria and St. Joseph. The chapel tower clock and pipe organ were added in 1920 and 1921 respectively.



SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION, PHYSICAL PLANT IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHT THIRD  
SJC PRESIDENT

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN FATHER AUGUSTINE SEIFERT RETIRED AS SAINT JOSEPH'S PRESIDENT IN THE SUMMER OF 1913, IT BECAME IMMEDIATELY IMPORTANT THAT THIS HUGE LEADERSHIP GAP BE FILLED BY SOMEONE WITH THE SAME DEDICATION AND FORESIGHT THAT EARMARKED COLLEGEVILLE'S FIRST LEADER.

THOUGH HISTORY MIGHT REGARD HIM AS SOMETHING OF AN INTERIM PRESIDENT, THAT NECESSARY LEADERSHIP WAS PROVIDED BY FATHER HUGO LEAR, A NATIVE OF WAPAKONETA, OHIO, WHO ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT THE AGE OF 25. A BARBER BY TRADE, HE WAS ACCEPTED AS A NOVICE AT THE INDIAN SCHOOL IN 1889 AND WAS ORDAINED IN 1899, THE SAME YEAR HE JOINED SAINT JOSEPH'S FACULTY.

RECORDS DO NOT DETAIL THE FULL RANGE OF FATHER LEAR'S DUTIES, ALTHOUGH HE WAS DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND THE MILITARY FOR A WHILE. HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT WAS SHORT (1913-16), BUT THESE WERE THREE IMPORTANT YEARS IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

FIRST, THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION WAS REVISED TO MEET A GROWING ENROLLMENT (NOW MORE THAN 300) THAT PLACED TOO MANY BURDENS ON ONE PERSON. PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES THEN AS NOW WERE ENORMOUS, SO CURRICULUM REFORM WAS ENTRUSTED TO A YOUNG PROFESSOR, FATHER IGNATIUS WAGNER, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WAS THE FIRST SJC MAN TO EARN A DOCTORATE.



ONE OF HIS REFORMS WAS THAT THE COLLEGE DID NOT GRANT THE A.B. DEGREE AFTER 1914, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WERE MORE DIFFERENTIATED, ESPECIALLY THAT OF "SECRETARY AND PREFECT OF STUDIES" NOW HELD BY FATHER WAGNER.

A SECOND MAJOR DECISION WAS THE MOVE TO ENLARGE THE "OLD GYM." THIS BRICK STRUCTURE, STANDING APPROXIMATELY WHERE SCIENCE HALL NOW DOES, WAS BUILT IN 1904-05 AND WAS LARGELY LIMITED TO HOUSING A COMBINATION GYM AND AUDITORIUM PLUS A FEW READING AND MUSIC ROOMS IN THE OCTAGONAL TOWERS AT THE EAST ENTRANCE. IN 1913, THE DELICATE PROJECT OF LIFTING THE ENTIRE BUILDING TEN FEET HIGHER FROM THE FOUNDATION WAS BEGUN, AND A SECTION FOR PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY FACILITIES WAS ADDED TO THE WEST END.

THIS WORK WAS BARELY FINISHED WHEN, ABOUT 4 A.M. ON APR. 2, 1914, EARLY-RISING STUDENTS NOTICED THE "OLD GYM" WAS ON FIRE. AS WAS THE CASE WITH STUDENTS WHO DETECTED THE EARLY-MORNING FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE SJC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON FEB. 4, 1973, THESE STUDENTS SOUGHT TO RESCUE EQUIPMENT UNTIL THEIR SAFETY DICTATED OTHERWISE.

LOSS OF THE "OLD GYM" CAME AS A PROFOUND SHOCK TO THE COLLEGE, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS A MAJOR BUILDING, BUT BECAUSE THE TOTAL LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000 AND LESS-THAN-ADEQUATE INSURANCE WAS \$25,000. DESPITE THE LOSS, SOME OBSERVERS TERMED IT A BLESSING IN DISGUISE, SINCE FACILITIES OF THE RENOVATED "OLD GYM" WERE INADEQUATE AND THE BUILDING ITSELF WAS NOT VERY ATTRACTIVE.

THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD CAME TO THE RESCUE BY GENEROUSLY APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE ERECTION OF THE PRESENT SCIENCE HALL (MINUS THE WEST WING), A MUCH MORE ADEQUATE BUILDING. THIS GENEROSITY WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED, BECAUSE THE SOCIETY HAD ONLY A FEW YEARS EARLIER PROVIDED MUCH OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE CHAPEL IN 1910. BUILDING ON SCIENCE HALL BEGAN IN THE SUMMER OF 1914 AND IT WAS READY FOR OCCUPANCY IN THE FALL OF 1915.

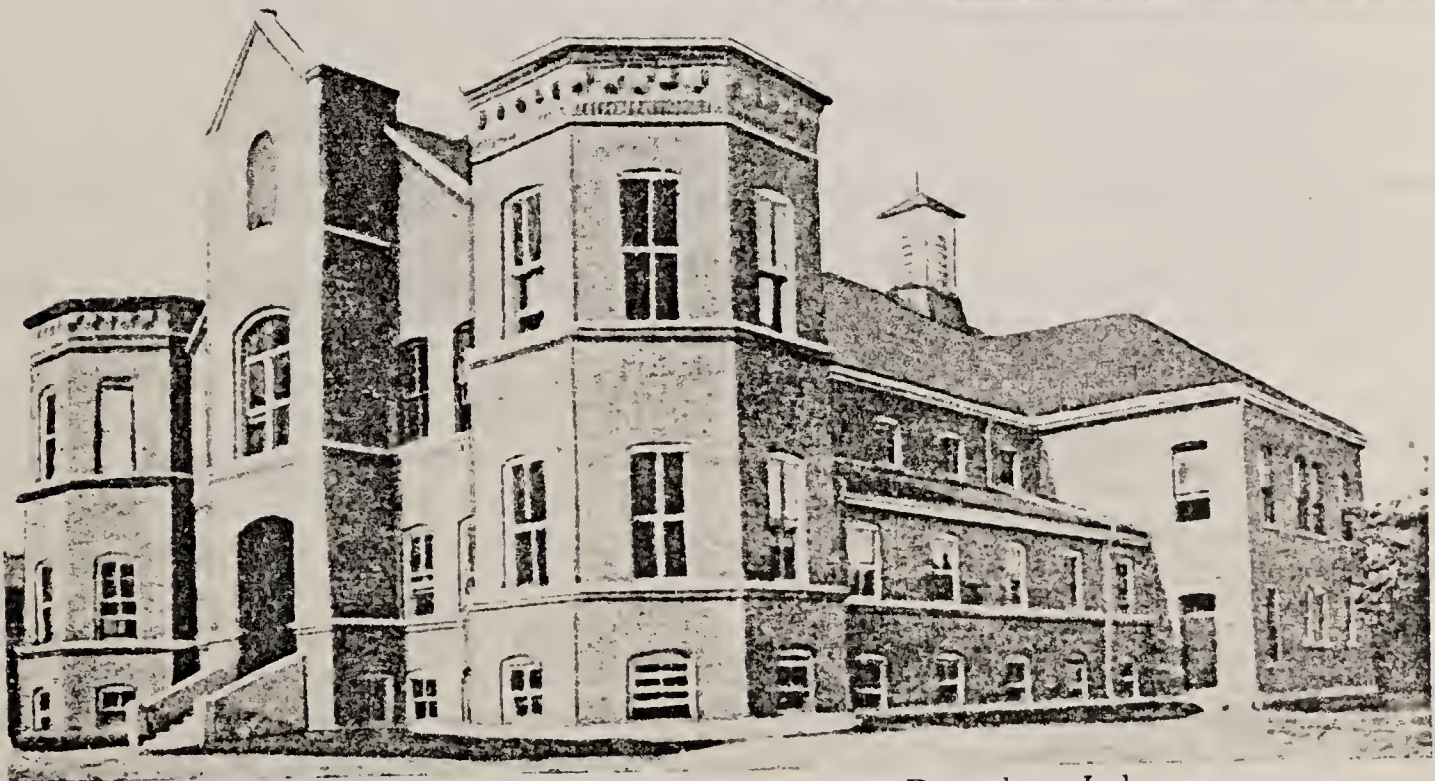
THEN DURING JUNE 19-21, 1916, SAINT JOSEPH'S OBSERVED ITS SILVER JUBILEE,

HIGHLIGHTED BY A MAJOR CELEBRATION AND PUBLICATION OF AN ILLUSTRATED BOOKLET REVIEWING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST 25 YEARS.

DURING THE SUMMER OF 1916, FATHER WAGNER REPLACED FATHER LEAR AS PRESIDENT AND FATHER LEAR SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN CONVENT CHAPLAINCIES, FIRST WITH THE SISTERS OF ST. AGNES IN FOND DU LAC, WIS., UNTIL 1929, AND THEN AT THE MOTHERHOUSE OF THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME, MILWAUKEE, UNTIL LATE 1931.

SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, HE SUFFERED A STROKE AND DIED MAY 15, 1932. IN HIS OBITUARY IT WAS NOTED THAT HE WAS AN "UNASSUMING" PERSON. "HIS SANCTITY POSSESSED THAT SUBTLE, CHARMING QUALITY OF NOT CAUSING OTHERS TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF IT."

Rev. Hugo Lear



Gymnasium at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind.





In 1913-1914 the "Old Gym" was the most photographed building on the campus. This was not because it was beautiful [some considered it a blessing that it burnt down], but because of the long and difficult task of raising an entire brick building over ten feet upwards into the air, which allowed a higher ceiling above the gymnasium floor. The picture above was taken only two days before the fire.



The fire early in the morning of April 2, 1914, was the most shocking event in the history of the college up to that time. Father Ildephonse Rapp, elocution professor, supposedly was the first to see the fire from his window and alerted the entire house [Faculty House, now Gaspar Hall] with one resounding shout of "Fiahh!" What might have happened was a greater shock than the reality itself, for until a favorable wind shift occurred, Gaspar Hall and the rest of the buildings might all have burned down. Science Hall, which replaced the "Old Gym" immediately was the first building to be constructed of fire-proof material. The present fire escape stairway was built on Gaspar Hall in 1916.

SUBJECT: MAJOR SAINT JOE FIRES SHARE MANY SIMILARITIES

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- A FIRE IS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE, WHETHER IT HAPPENS TO A PRIVATE HOME, A PRIVATE BUSINESS OR A PRIVATE COLLEGE, AND IN SAINT JOSEPH'S 86-YEAR HISTORY, TWO SUCH FIRES ARE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.

FIRST CAME THE FIRE OF APR. 2, 1914, WHEN THE "OLD GYM" BURNED TO THE GROUND. IT HOUSED A GYMNASIUM-AUDITORIUM, A MUSIC DEPARTMENT, A PHYSICS LAB AND OTHER ASSORTED FACILITIES. THE SECOND FIRE, OF COURSE, WAS THE ONE THAT DESTROYED THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FEB. 4, 1973.

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO FIRES ARE STRIKING: 1. BOTH BEGAN EARLY IN THE MORNING WHEN THE COLLEGE WAS STILL ASLEEP; 2. BOTH RESULTED IN TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING; 3. IN BOTH FIRES, STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED TO RESCUE CONTENTS, BUT ONLY IN THE SECOND ONE WAS THIS VOLUNTEER EFFORT A SUCCESS; 4. IN BOTH CASES A FORTUNATE WIND DIRECTION SAVED GRAVELY THREATENED ADJACENT BUILDINGS--IN THE FIRST FIRE IT WAS GASPAR HALL, IN THE SECOND, THE CHAPEL.

THREE ADDITIONAL SIMILARITIES MIGHT BE ADDED: 5. BOTH TIMES THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED; 6. IN BOTH FIRES THE COLLEGE SUSTAINED A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL LOSS SINCE INSURANCE COVERED LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE REPLACEMENT COST OF THE BUILDING, AND 7. LASTLY AND MOST FORTUNATELY, IN NEITHER FIRE DID ANYONE GET HURT.

IF THE "OLD GYM" HAD BEEN WORTH ONLY ONE QUARTER OF THE VALUE OF THE



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, IT WAS STILL AN EQUALLY SUBSTANTIAL BLOW TO THE COLLEGE, FOR THE ENROLLMENT IN 1914 WAS ONLY ABOUT 300. FURTHERMORE, THE "OLD GYM" WAS ONLY TEN YEARS OLD AT THE TIME, WHEREAS THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HAD ALREADY SERVED THE COLLEGE FOR 80 YEARS BY 1973.

ALTHOUGH THE SIMILARITIES ARE DOMINANT, THERE DOES REMAIN ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO FIRES. THE FIRST WAS FOLLOWED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WITH A NEW BUILDING PROGRAM THAT RESULTED IN THE ERECTION OF THE EAST SECTION OF PRESENT SCIENCE HALL, COMPLETED IN 1916.

THE SECOND FIRE WAS NOT FOLLOWED BY ANY NEW BUILDING PROGRAM, BUT A SIGNIFICANT REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN LAUNCHED THAT HAS ALREADY PRODUCED EXTENSIVE REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS AND EFFICIENCIES IN USES OF COLLEGE RESOURCES AND ITS PHYSICAL PLANT.



This picture of students gathered around the "Old Gym" later in the morning on April 2, 1914, was not unlike scenes around the Ad Building on the morning of February 4, 1973.

SUBJECT: "BETTER TO WEAR OUT THAN RUST OUT" BELIEVED FOURTH SJC PRESIDENT

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- "It's better to wear out than to rust out," said Father Ignatius Wagner, the fourth president of Saint Joseph's College, who led the school during the nine progressive years of 1915-25.

Father Wagner became the youngest college president in the nation when he was appointed at the age of 33, and he was the first alumnus to serve as president and the first member of the college faculty to hold any academic degree.

A soft-spoken, dedicated, systematic and persistent worker, his life was typified by hard and continuous service. One of the most capable men in the Precious Blood Society's history, he re-organized the college administration in 1913 and during his presidency the school witnessed academic improvement, streamlining of an alumni association, growth in the physical plant and expansion of farm holdings.

Then during 12 years (1926-38) as provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, Father Wagner expertly steered the Society through the Great Depression. High regard quickly came for this Ohio native who historians say was not the over-bearing autocrat like Father Augustine Seifert (SJC's first president), yet was not very convivial or glad-handed.

Father Wagner first came to Saint Joseph's as a student during 1898-1904, then continued his studies at Saint Charles Seminary in Carthagen, Ohio,



WHERE HE WAS ORDAINED FEB. 11, 1908. FOUR YEARS LATER HE EARNED A DOCTORATE IN CHEMISTRY FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

JOINING THE FACULTY IN 1912, HE TAUGHT THE SCIENCES AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION WHEREBY THE DEAN OF STUDIES BECAME A SEPARATE FUNCTION FROM THE PRESIDENT. IN 1914-15 HE SUPERVISED THE BUILDING OF THE EAST PART OF THE PRESENT SCIENCE HALL.

GRANTING OF A.B. DEGREES WAS DISCONTINUED AFTER 1914, AND THE CATALOG FOR 1915-16 SHOWED CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN FORMAT. IN PLACE OF THE A.B., A "DIPLOMA" FOR COMPLETING THE CLASSICAL COURSE (SIX YEARS) WAS GRANTED. DIPLOMAS ALSO WERE GIVEN FOR COMPLETING THE ACADEMIC COURSE (FOUR YEARS) AND THE COMMERCIAL COURSE.

FATHER WAGNER WAS LARGELY RUNNING THE COLLEGE DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF FATHER HUGO LEAR, SO HIS IMMEDIATE ADAPTION TO THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE IN 1916 CAME AS NO SURPRISE. FIRST, HE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE SJC ACADEMICALLY IN SEVERAL WAYS.

TEACHERS WERE SENT AWAY TO PURSUE RECOGNIZED ACADEMIC DEGREES, IN 1917 THE HIGH SCHOOL (ACADEMY) GAINED ACCREDITATION AND IN 1919 SJC WAS ACCREDITED AS A JUNIOR COLLEGE. THE FIRST TEXTBOOK PUBLISHED BY A COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER APPEARED IN 1917.

THOUGH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WAS ORGANIZED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST GRADUATION IN 1896, FATHER WAGNER DIRECTED THE ORGANIZATION AND PRINTING OF THE FIRST ALUMNI DIRECTORY, NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 1800 FORMER STUDENTS. THE FIRST ALUMNI DAY WAS HELD IN THE SPRING OF 1919, FEATURING A BASEBALL GAME IN WHICH THE ALUMNI DEFEATED THE COLLEGE TEAM.

WORLD WAR I DIDN'T DISTURB THE COLLEGE AS MUCH AS TWO SERIOUS EPIDEMICS IN 1918: A JANUARY OUTBREAK OF SMALL POX AND AN AUTUMN EPIDEMIC OF SPANISH INFLUENZA THAT CLOSED THE SCHOOL FOR A MONTH. FORTUNATELY, THERE WERE NO

FATALITIES.

SUPPORTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY BY FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER, THE TURNER CLUB BECAME A MAJOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY IN 1916. PHYSICAL PLANT CHANGES DURING 1919-23. INCLUDED INSTALLATION OF THREE CHAPEL BELLS, PLUS THE TOWER CLOCK AND PRESENT PIPE ORGAN, AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THE ERECTION OF THE CURRENT POWERHOUSE IN 1923. IN ADDITION, TENNIS COURTS WERE RELOCATED TO THEIR PRESENT PLACE NORTH OF SCIENCE HALL WHILE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS WERE UNDERTAKEN IN MANY BUILDINGS AND FARM STRUCTURES WERE RELOCATED.

IN OCTOBER OF 1921, THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD DONATED THE 420-ACRE FARM ON WHICH DREXEL HALL STANDS. DREXEL HOUSED THE EDITORIAL OFFICE AND PRINTING PRESS OF THE MESSENGER AND DER BOTSCHAFTER, BUT IN 1922 THE PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT WAS MOVED INTO THE NEW SEMINARY BUILDING AT CARTHAGENA. THE COLLEGE, HOWEVER, HAD LITTLE INTEREST IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL BUILDING OTHER THAN TO USE IT AS A STOREHOUSE FOR THE FARM FROM 1922-37, WHEN IT WAS REMODELED INTO A DORMITORY.

THUS FATHER WAGNER SUPERVISED MANY CHANGES DURING 1916-25, ALL WHICH ADDED TO THE WORTH AND VIABILITY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S. HOWEVER, OTHER PLANS FORMULATED AT A HIGHER LEVEL IN THE SOCIETY ABRUPTLY CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL'S DEVELOPMENT: IT WAS DECIDED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ABANDON THE POLICY OF ACCEPTING NON-PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS AND CONVERT SJC INTO WHAT WAS THEN RE-NAMED (FOR TWO YEARS) SAINT JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SEMINARY. FATHER WAGNER'S TERM ENDED IN JUNE, 1925.

FORTUNATELY, HIS CONNECTION WITH THE COLLEGE DIDN'T END HERE. IN JUNE OF 1926, HE BEGAN A 12-YEAR TERM AS PROVINCIAL OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE FIRST MAJOR EFFECT OF HIS CONTINUING INFLUENCE CAME IN 1930, WHEN IN MARCH THE PURELY SEMINARIAN CHARACTER WAS ABANDONED AND THE COLLEGE REVERTED TO ITS PREVIOUS STATUS.



SIMULTANEOUSLY, FATHER WAGNER SUPERVISED A SPECIAL PROJECT--THE BUILDING OF A MINOR SEMINARY (BRUNNERDALE SEMINARY AT CANTON, OHIO), TO ANSWER FORMER CRITICISM THAT PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS NEEDED COMPLETE SEPARATION FROM OTHER STUDENTS.

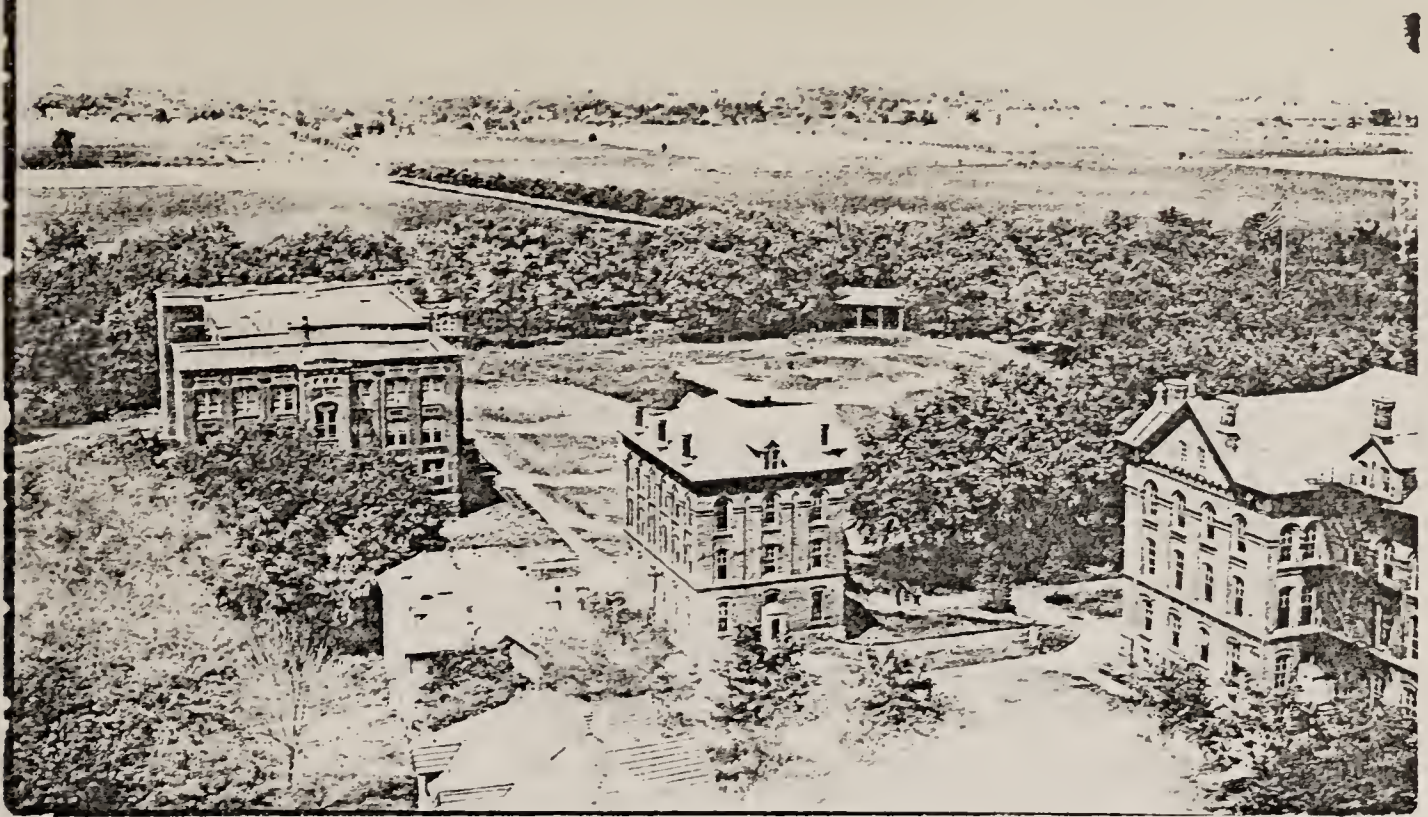
A STILL MORE IMPORTANT DECISION WAS MADE AUG. 8, 1935, WHEN THE SOCIETY IN A PLENARY SESSION AT CARTHAGENA VOTED TO EXPAND SAINT JOSEPH'S INTO A SENIOR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE.

IN 1938, FATHER WAGNER WENT TO BRUNNERDALE SEMINARY AS A TEACHER, THEN FROM 1940-46 SERVED AS RECTOR AND PRINCIPAL THERE. AFTER SERVING FOR SIX WEEKS IN THE SUMMER OF 1947 AS AN INTERIM PROVINCIAL, HE BECAME CHAPLAIN AT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, SHAKOPEE, MINN., WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL HIS DEATH AUG. 10, 1958.



Rev. Ignatius Wagner





In 1916 Science Hall was completed. [The west wing was added in 1936.] As the name indicates, it featured science laboratories [Fr. Wagner's forte], but it also provided space for the college's first central library [third floor north], an auditorium and stage, a music department and a gymnasium. The white frame building just west of Gaspar Hall, the sole relic of the former orphan buildings, continued to house most of the Brothers, a couple of laymen and a few shops. It stood there until 1940.



The new basketball floor occupied the center of the building [Science Hall] just beneath the auditorium. There was little room for spectators, just a gallery along three sides above the basketball floor.



SUBJECT: POWERHOUSES DATE BACK TO 1891 AT SAINT JOSEPH'S

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- VISITORS APPROACHING SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FROM ANY DIRECTION FIRST NOTICE THREE DOMINANT ELEMENTS IN THE CAMPUS SKYLINE: THE TWIN TOWERS OF THE CHAPEL, THE WATER TOWER AND THE 140-FOOT HIGH POWERHOUSE SMOKESTACK.

THIS CURRENT POWERHOUSE, WHICH PROVIDES AMPLE HEAT AND CLEAN WATER TO ALL OF THE 15 MAJOR COLLEGE BUILDINGS EXCEPT DREXEL HALL (WHICH HAS A SEPARATE HEATING PLANT), IS THE THIRD IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

POWERHOUSE NUMBER ONE STOOD IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING 1891-1904, AND IT WAS FELT IT STOOD TOO CLOSE BY FOR EITHER SAFETY OR CLEANLINESS. ITS SMOKESTACK WAS ATTACHED TO THE MAIN BUILDING BY A WOOD BEAM THAT GAVE IT STABILITY DURING STRONG WINDS.

IN 1904, WHEN THE "OLD GYM" WAS JUST BEING BUILT, A NEW POWERHOUSE WAS BUILT FARTHER WEST FROM THE FIRST ONE. TODAY THIS SAME BUILDING HOUSES THE CAMPUS POST OFFICE AND JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT, AND ITS ONLY EXTERNAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN REMOVAL OF THE SMOKESTACK AND COAL BINS ON THE WEST SIDE.

THIS SECOND POWERHOUSE PROVIDED NOT ONLY HEAT AND WATER, BUT ALSO INTRODUCED ELECTRICITY TO THE CAMPUS WITH ITS DC GENERATORS. PREVIOUSLY THE COLLEGE HAD BEEN LIGHTED BY KEROSENE AND LATER WITH ACETYLENE LAMPS, BOTH OF WHICH WERE FIRE HAZARDS.

BY 1921, A DECISION WAS MADE TO BUILD A NEW POWERHOUSE BECAUSE THE SECOND PLANT PROVED INADEQUATE AND, WITH THE RISING COST OF COAL, IT WAS PRODUCING ENERGY TOO INEFFICIENTLY.

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS ALSO INDICATE THAT THE SMOKESTACK ON THE SECOND POWERHOUSE MUST HAVE BEEN CAUSING SOME TROUBLE AS EITHER A FIRE HAZARD OR SOURCE OF SMOKE POLLUTION, FOR A METAL-STACK WAS ADDED ATOP THE OLD BRICK ONE VERY SOON, SO THAT THE EXHAUST WOULD CLEAR THE MAIN BUILDING WHEN THE WEST WINDS BLEW STRONG, AS THEY OFTEN DID.

THE BUILDING OF THE PRESENT POWERHOUSE BROUGHT ABOUT TWO OTHER CHANGES: THE OLD TENNIS COURTS HAD STOOD ON THE SITE OF THE PRESENT PLANT, AND THESE WERE RELOCATED TO THEIR PRESENT POSITION NORTH OF SCIENCE HALL IN 1922. SECONDLY, THE OLD FARM BUILDINGS (A HORSE BARN, A CHICKEN COOP AND THE PIG STIES) WHICH STOOD IN THE VICINITY OF PRESENT SEIFERT HALL WERE RELOCATED. THIS REMOVED ANOTHER KIND OF SCENT FROM THE CENTRAL CAMPUS.

ALTHOUGH THE HUGE SMOKESTACK IS THE MOST STRIKING FEATURE OF THE CURRENT POWERHOUSE, THE LARGE HIDDEN TUNNEL IS EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE. THIS TUNNEL,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  FEET BY  $6\frac{1}{2}$  FEET, WAS LAID FROM THE NEW POWERHOUSE TO JUST EAST OF THE POST OFFICE, A LENGTH OF 300 FEET. SMALLER TUNNELS THEN RUN TO THE CHAPEL, SCIENCE HALL AND OTHER CAMPUS BUILDINGS; SNOW AND ICE UNDERSTANDABLY DON'T STAY LONG ATOP THE GROUND OVER THIS TUNNEL.

THIS NEW POWERHOUSE WAS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING FOR THE COLLEGE, BECAUSE IT MEANT CHANGING OVER INTO A DIFFERENT HEATING SYSTEM CALLED THE DUNHAM VACUUM SYSTEM. ALTERATIONS WERE NECESSARY IN ALL OF THE BUILDINGS TO BE HEATED.

NEW AND MORE POWERFUL ELECTRIC CURRENT GENERATORS WERE INCLUDED IN THE NEW POWERHOUSE, AND ELECTRICITY WAS PRODUCED THERE UNTIL WELL INTO THE 1950'S, ALTHOUGH IN LATER YEARS CURRENT WAS INCREASINGLY PURCHASED



FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE CURRENT WAS STILL DC IN THE 1930'S, WHEN A NEW AC GENERATOR WAS INSTALLED, THUS PERMITTING THE USE OF MORE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES.

SUBSTANTIALLY MORE SPACE WAS INCLUDED IN THE NEW POWERHOUSE; AT THE EAST END, AN AREA WAS MADE TO HOUSE TWO LARGE MACHINE SHOPS AND THE ROOMS ABOVE WERE DESIGNED AS APARTMENTS FOR THE BROTHERS. MOST OF THE BROTHERS, EXCEPT THOSE INVOLVED IN PREFECTING, LIVED THERE UNTIL 1940, WHEN THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. DURING THE 1950'S AND 1960'S, THESE ROOMS WERE ONCE AGAIN PUT INTO USE AS STUDENT HOUSING UNTIL ENOUGH ROOM COULD BE SET ASIDE IN THE NEW DORMS BEING BUILT.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRESENT POWER HOUSE WAS DONE WITH FUTURE EXPANSION IN MIND. THE PLANT SERVES 11 MORE BUILDINGS NOW THAN IT DID IN THE 1920'S, AND THE PER-BUILDING CONSUMPTION OF WATER AND HEAT HAS INCREASED. OLD FURNACES HAVE BEEN REPLACED WITH LARGER AND MORE EFFICIENT ONES TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE.

IN ADDITION, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SAVE LABOR TIME SINCE THE DAYS WHEN COAL WAS SHOVELLED BY HAND INTO FURNACE HOPPERS. TODAY, LARGE TRUCKS DUMP LOADS OF COAL PERIODICALLY AT THE POWERHOUSE, BUT YEARS AGO, COAL WAS BROUGHT IN FROM THE RAILROAD IN RENSSELAER.

AN AVERY TRACTOR WAS EMPLOYED TO PULL FIVE WAGONLOADS OF COAL TO THE COLLEGE. SOMETIMES THE COAL HAD TO BE SHOVELLED BY HAND FROM THE TRAIN CAR, BUT ONCE THEY GOT TO THE CAMPUS, THE WAGONS WERE EQUIPPED WITH TRAP DOORS THAT WOULD RELEASE THE COAL INTO THE BIN.

PART OF SAINT JOSEPH'S CURRENT POWERHOUSE NOW HOUSES THE LAWN SHOP. THE MOST RECENT CHANGE IN THE POWERHOUSE CAME IN 1970 WHEN THE PRESENT WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED.



POWER-HOUSE FEB. 1913.  
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The college powerhouse changed location three times. The first one was directly west of the Ad Building, so close by that the smoke stack was attached to the Ad Building to give it stability. The second powerhouse, built 1904, occupied most of what is now janitorial and postoffice area and already generated electricity for the campus. The smoke stack was built too short, and a metal extension pipe was added to help the smoke clear the top of the Ad Building. The present computer center was a carpenter shop until 1966.



The college underwent an expansion during Father Wagner's term that is scarcely appreciated today. The new powerhouse, built at an estimated cost of \$120,000 [including the large underground tunnel and the general readaptation of the entire heating system] was a model power plant for those days. Simultaneously the college farm was expanded from a mere 340 acres in 1916 to 920 acres in 1921 with all the new farm buildings and facilities that this entailed.





In 1918 the Avery tractor with Brother Henry Olberding at the helm is just about to take the last load [five wagons in tandem] from the railroad yard in Rensselaer to SJC. The upper picture shows three sheds [driveways] over the coal bin behind the old powerhouse.



SUBJECT: HISTORY INDICATES IMPORTANCE OF WATER TO SAINT JOSEPH'S

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, Ind. -- All things derive ultimately from water, reported Dr. Robert J. Garrity, quoting from Thales of Miletus, during a recent lecture to Saint Joseph's College students.

Most of Saint Joseph's history has been affected by water, starting from its earliest days when the new school was built on a rise literally surrounded by swampland.

One of these swamp holes became the pond now located near the main campus entrance. For many years this was no more than a mud-bottom pool that produced many frogs and a few snakes during warm summers.

Changes were soon to come, however, starting with the 1911 construction of the water tower, which stands more than 170 feet tall and holds 50,000 gallons of water. The new tower replaced an inadequate wooden tank that had previously occupied one of the towers of the Administration Building.

Several improvements were made possible by the water tower, first which was the laying of underground piping to several buildings with occasional hydrants to provide aid against fires.

Next, the new tower led to the front pond being cemented and eventually ornamented with a fountain in the center and a circular sidewalk with small decorative pillars around its outside edge. Not only did this provide a better-looking front to the college and better swimming facilities, but it guaranteed clean water from which to harvest ice each winter.



Not until 1922 was a refrigerator acquired for the kitchen--before that, ice was cut each winter and conveyed by horse-drawn wagons to an ice house located near where Halleck Center now stands. Insulated by sawdust, the ice would amazingly keep for the entire year.

Seminarians were detailed twice a week to convey several slabs of ice to the kitchen, and it wasn't easy work, because the heavy slabs were ten to 12 inches thick and not simple to handle.

Aside from these early improvements, the water tower provided a challenge, something like Mount Everest, something to be climbed. Two traditions prevailed here, the first concerning Father Ildephonse Rapp, a long-time former SJC faculty member, who mounted the tower each year on his birthday until he was 75 years old.

His superior issued orders that Father Rapp's climbing must stop at this point, in 1952. However, students promptly took up the challenge and during most years in the 1950's and 1960's, one or several students would climb the tower the night before St. Patrick's Day to hang green pennants from the railing surrounding the water tank.

Spotlights, night watchmen and penalties against violators failed to halt the tradition. Only the passage of time into the 1970's left the tower free from these annual mid-March heroics.

Quality of the campus water was for many years a topic of discussion, because after 1904 the principal well had been a sulphur water well. The water's odor reminded different people of different things, but essentially it tasted and smelled as if rotten eggs had been mixed into it. The smell was especially strong by the front pond because of the spraying fountain.

Most campus personnel soon managed to drink the water, but some preferred to make use of one of several hand pump wells



that could be found on the campus.

Finally, in 1945, the sulphur odor became a thing of the past when a new well with non-sulphur water was located about a half-mile west of the campus. This well, with two others added since, has been providing the campus with sulphur-free water for the past 31 years.



Ice being harvested on the lake and brought to the ice house.



SUBJECT: GYMNASTICS WAS A SPECIAL LOVE OF FATHER SCHEIDLER

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- LAST SUMMER'S OLYMPICS IN MONTREAL MUST HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER, FOR THAT TWO-WEEK OLYMPIAD BROUGHT WORLDWIDE ATTENTION TO ONE OF HIS FAVORITE INTERESTS: GYMNASTICS.

FATHER SCHEIDLER SERVED THE COLLEGE WITH DISTINCTION DURING THE EARLY 1900'S, AND THIS PAST SUMMER HE WAS ELECTED TO THE SJC SPORTS HALL OF FAME IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS THE WINNINGEST BASKETBALL COACH IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

DESPITE HIS LOVE OF ALL SPORTS, AND ESPECIALLY BASKETBALL, FATHER SCHEIDLER ALWAYS HELD A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART FOR GYMNASTICS, AN ACTIVITY PERFORMED WITH PRECISION AND EXCELLENCE BY THE SJC TURNER CLUB UNDER HIS DIRECTION.

DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN CARTHAGENA, OHIO, FATHER SCHEIDLER RECALLED HIS EFFORTS WITH THE TURNERS, A GROUP WHICH WON READY RESPECT ON CAMPUS AND IN THE LOCAL AREA FOR THEIR EXPERTISE.

"AFTER I WAS ORDAINED, I WAS SENT TO SAINT JOSEPH'S AND GIVEN A VARIETY OF JOBS, INCLUDING ATHLETICS," HE SAYS. "I SUPPOSE I WAS PICKED FOR COACHING BECAUSE I HAD BRIEFLY BEEN TRAINED IN COACHING SPORTS AT INDIANAPOLIS. I LOVED GYMNASTICS AND PICKED UP QUITE A BIT ABOUT PROPER FORM THERE--HOW TO GLIDE OFF THE HORIZONTAL BARS, FOR EXAMPLE, AND LAND ON THE BALL OF THE FOOT, NOT THE HEEL."

AS A YOUNGSTER, FATHER SCHEIDLER SAYS HE WAS KNOWN AS THE "PUNY" ONE IN HIS FAMILY, BUT IT WAS THROUGH GYMNASTIC EXERCISE THAT HE BEGAN TO DEVELOP HIS PHYSICAL AND ATHLETIC SKILLS. "IF I DID A LITTLE WORK, I'D BE ALL PLAYED OUT; BUT I GAINED STRENGTH AND STAMINA THROUGH GYMNASTIC EXERCISE," HE EXPLAINS.

FATHER SCHEIDLER CREDITS PART OF HIS EARLY KNOWLEDGE OF GYMNASTICS TO A BROTHER IN THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY WHO LIVED IN DREXEL HALL.

"I CAN'T RECALL HIS NAME NOW, BUT HE HAD EXPERIENCED MUCH OF THAT GYMNASTIC WORK FROM THE OLD COUNTRY (GERMANY), AND HE USED TO WORK OUT HERE ON THE HORIZONTAL BARS--WE HAD A SET OF THESE BARS IN BOTH THE RELIGIOUS GROVE AND THE SECULAR GROVE ON CAMPUS AT THAT TIME," HE RECALLS.

"THIS BROTHER SHOWED US DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT GYMNASTICS, AND IT WAS ONLY AFTER BUILDING UP MY INTEREST HERE THAT I WENT DOWN TO INDIANAPOLIS TO LEARN STILL MORE."

PUBLIC GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCES WERE A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO FATHER SCHEIDLER

"ONE YEAR, WE PUT ON 14 PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AT THE COLLEGE. I CAN REMEMBER FATHER ILDEPHONSE RAPP PLAYING IN THE BAND--THE BAND PLAYED DURING THE ENTIRE PERFORMANCE AND WE'D HAVE PEOPLE CROWDED INTO EVERY AVAILABLE SEAT IN FRONT OF THE STAGE. WE HAD A REGULAR CIRCUS THERE."

AN EARMARK OF SAINT JOSEPH'S ATHLETICS THEN AS WELL AS NOW WAS ENTHUSIASTIC BACKING OF THE STUDENT BODY, AS FATHER SCHEIDLER RECALLS THAT STUDENT INTEREST IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WAS INTENSE.

IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES IN ATHLETICS, FATHER SCHEIDLER WAS BUSINESS MANAGER IN CHARGE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. "I GOT THE BUILDINGS ALL PAINTED NICE, THEN I WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE FARM. AND I SHED SOME TEARS OVER THIS, BECAUSE I REALLY LIKED THE WORK ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, BUT AFTER A WHILE I ALSO CAME TO ENJOY MY WORK WITH THE FARM. A BROTHER TONY WORKED ON THE



FARM AT THAT TIME AND HE WAS A BIG HELP IN MANAGING OUR ACREAGE."

SINCE FATHER SCHEIDLER'S ATHLETIC DUTIES WENT BEYOND BASKETBALL AND GYMNASTICS INTO FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL, HE SOUGHT OUTSIDE COACHING ASSISTANTS AND FOUND THEM IN PERSONS LIKE HARRY PARKER OF RENSSELAER AND EVEN A FEW PURDUE STUDENTS.

"MONEY ALWAYS WAS A PROBLEM, AND SINCE IT WAS SO SCARCE, WE HAD TO BE VERY ECONOMICAL IN MANAGING OUR ATHLETIC PROGRAM," HE REPORTS. "I GUESS THE MONEY SITUATION THEN WAS JUST AS BAD AS IT IS NOW."

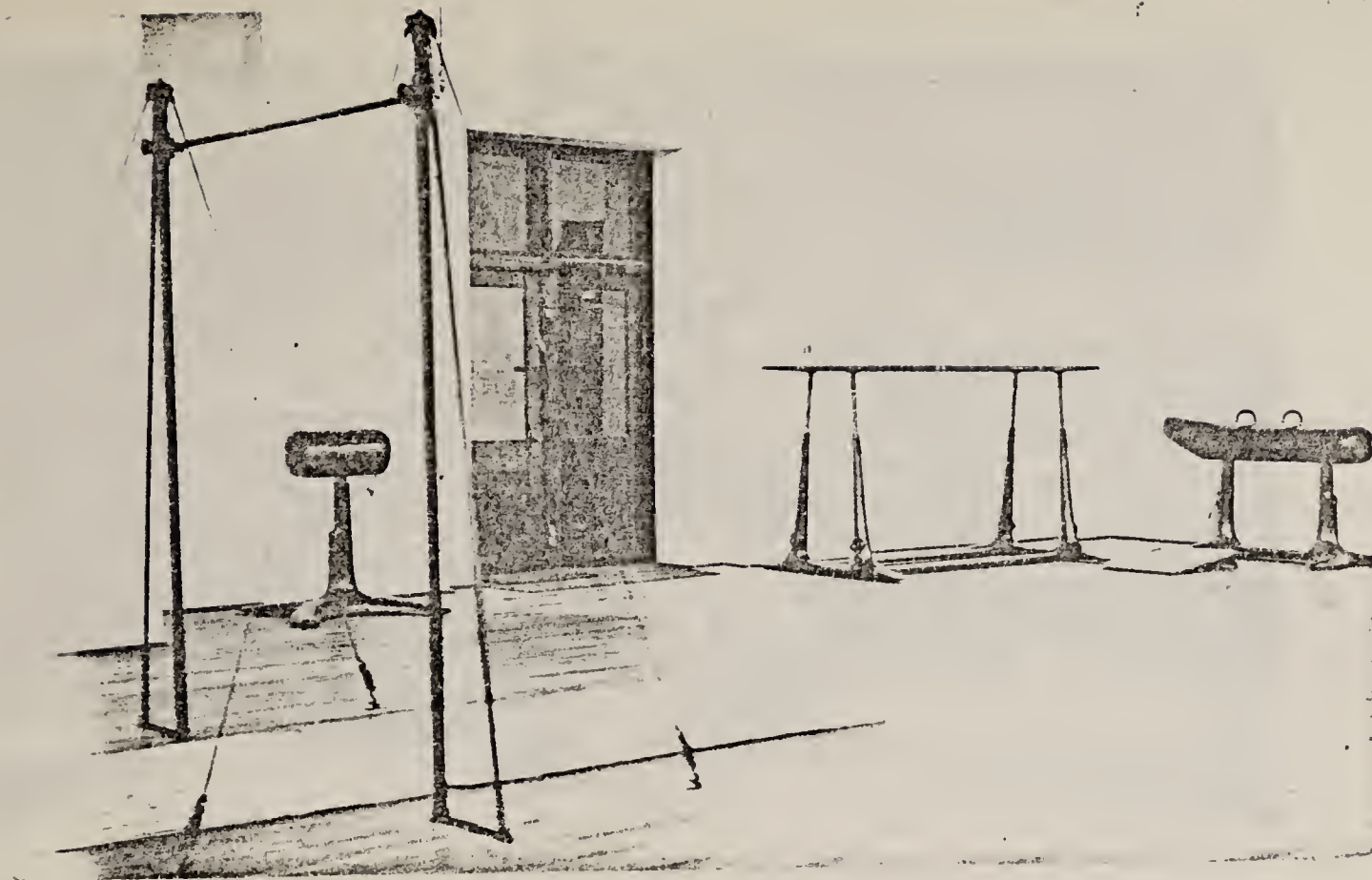
NOW 94 YEARS OLD, FATHER SCHEIDLER SAYS HE HAS NOTHING BUT FOND RECOLLECTIONS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S. "I SPENT SO MUCH TIME THERE THAT YOU JUST CAN'T EVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR MEMORIES. I ESPECIALLY THINK OF THE GROTTO AT SAINT JOSEPH'S--I SAY MY 15 DECADES OF THE ROSARY HERE EVERY MORNING IN OUR GROTTO AND I CAN REFER TO THE FATIMA SHRINE AND STATUE OF CHRIST IN THE AGONY WHICH ARE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S- IT'S THE HAPPIEST SORT OF RECOLLECTION.

"I ALWAYS PRAY FOR THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY AND MY THOUGHTS ARE OFTEN IN RENSSELAER."



This is a picture of Father Scheidler with his gymnasts in the early days when they still did not wear the fancy "turner" uniforms. But already then he must have appreciated the fact that it doesn't hurt the show to have a few clowns in it. -92-





The Turner Room was located in the northeast corner of Science Hall basement, just off the basketball floor.



We have no pictures of the Turners in action. Action performances were generally on the stage and accompanied by music [band]. This is one of many formation poses.





Fr. Scheidler put a high priority on a well-kept grounds, flower beds, lawns, trees and shrubbery. Most of this quickly passes, but one monument to his efforts in this regard remains, namely, the Lourdes Grotto. A smaller one had been built in 1898 by the enthusiastic efforts of student Bernard Ersing [and also Sylvester Hartman], but this was much enlarged in 1931 through the efforts of Meinrad Parzinger and many CPPS seminarians, as the above picture indicates.



Other improvements at the time included the cementing of the main driveway and the building of an attractive stone entrance way, the latter completed in 1932.



SUBJECT: FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER--RETIRED NOW, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHAT MAKES FOR AN OUTSTANDING COACH? OPINIONS FROM PLAYERS, FANS, WRITERS AND COACHES THEMSELVES VARY, BUT A COMPOSITE IMAGE WOULD CALL FOR A PERSON WHO IS ALERT, INTUITIVE AND COMPETITIVE ON THE FIELD OR FLOOR OF ATHLETICS, AND A GENTLEMAN WHO BY HIS PERSONAL, NON-ATHLETIC EXAMPLE EARNS WIDESPREAD RESPECT FOR HIS TEAM AND HIS SCHOOL IN DAY-TO-DAY LIFE.

FOR THESE REASONS, JOE DIENHART, NOW THE MAYOR OF WEST LAFAYETTE, IND., HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED AS THE FINEST BASKETBALL COACH IN SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HISTORY. HIS ACHIEVEMENTS BOTH AS A COACH AND AS A MAN AT COLLEGEVILLE DURING 1938-43 MAKE HIM A LIVING LEGEND ON THE CAMPUS, AND NO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST 33 YEARS CAN REMOTELY SHAKE HIS STATURE AS THE KING OF BASKETBALL LEADERS HERE.

BUT WHEN THE HANDS OF TIME ARE TURNED BACK FURTHER, THERE EMERGES THROUGH CAREFUL RESEARCH THE AWARENESS THAT AN EARLIER COACH CLOSELY APPROACHED THE SUPERIORITY DISPLAYED BY DIENHART. THE YEARS WERE 1911-25, AN EARLIER ERA OF BASKETBALL, AND THE MAN OF THAT HOUR WAS FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER, THE STERN YET KINDLY PRIEST WHO DIRECTED THE COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

FATHER SCHEIDLER NOW LIVES IN RETIREMENT AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN CARTHAGENA, OHIO, AND THOUGH PASSING YEARS HAVE DIMMED THE DETAILS OF HIS SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HIS MEMORY IS STILL STRONG AMONG MANY OF HIS FRIENDS ON CAMPUS AND IN RENSSELAER.

THE SHEER WEIGHT OF STATISTICAL FACTS ASSURE HIS PLACE IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC HISTORY. HIS TEAMS WON 111 GAMES AND LOST 54, GOOD FOR A .672 WINNING PERCENT-



TAGE--THE HIGHEST AMONG ALL PUMA BASKETBALL COACHES, INCLUDING EVEN DIENHART HIMSELF.

DURING 1918-20, HIS TEAMS WON 21 STRAIGHT GAMES, A RECORD THAT STILL STANDS TODAY. HIS FINAL TEAM, THE 1924-25 OUTFIT, POSTED A 14-3 RECORD, GOOD FOR AN .823 WINNING PERCENTAGE THAT HAS NEVER BEEN SURPASSED AT SJC. AND HIS 111 CAREER WINS PLACE HIM SECOND ONLY TO JIM HOLSTEIN, A THIRD PUMA COACH OF MAJOR DISTINCTION WHO COACHED 133 WINS DURING THE SIXTIES AND EARLY SEVENTIES, INCLUDING THE 1969-70 NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS WHO SET A MODERN ERA SINGLE-SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE MARK WITH A 21-6 SLATE (.778).

NOW 94 YEARS OF AGE, FATHER SCHEIDLER RECALLED HIS YEARS AT SJC DURING A RECENT INTERVIEW THAT ADDED FRESH INSIGHTS INTO THOSE EARLY YEARS.

"OUR FINANCES WERE VERY LIMITED, AND THIS WAS THE PROBLEM WE HAD TO CONTENT WITH ON A DAY-TO-DAY AND SEASON-TO-SEASON BASIS," HE SAYS. "YOU HAD TO DO THE BEST YOU COULD WITH THE AVAILABLE FUNDS, BUT WE DID MANAGE, AND IT HELPS MAKE THE MEMORY OF IT ALL MORE PLEASANT TODAY."

FATHER SCHEIDLER CAN NO LONGER RECALL THE NAMES OF HIS STANDOUT PLAYERS, BUT HE ADDS THAT INTENSE TEAMWORK, BUILT FROM A STRONG MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S ABILITIES OFTEN ENABLED HIS TEAMS TO WHIP TALLER OR MORE PHYSICALLY GIFTED OPPONENTS.

"I REALLY ENJOYED MY YEARS AS A COACH AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND IF I WAS YOUNGER TODAY, I WOULDN'T MIND TRYING TO COACH COLLEGE BALL AGAIN," HE REPORTS. "I ALSO ENJOYED GYMNASTICS AND OTHER SPORTS, EVEN THOUGH I WAS THE WEAK ONE, THE PUNY ONE IN OUR FAMILY."

PICTURES DRAWN FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES WOULD DISPUTE FATHER SCHEIDLER'S TAG OF "PUNY" HOWEVER, SINCE IN THESE HE IS A TALL, STRONG AND STRIKINGLY HANDSOME FIGURE.

BASKETBALL SPIRIT AND TRADITION WAS BUILT EARLY AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, START-

ING WHEN FATHER SCHEIDLER MADE CONTACT WITH AREA TOWN TEAMS AS WELL AS OTHER SCHOOLS LIKE VALPARAISO AND BUTLER.

"WE HAD VERY STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE STUDENTS AND AREA PEOPLE WHO ENJOYED COMING OUT TO SEE OUR GAMES, FIRST IN THE 'OLD GYM' (WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1914) AND THEN IN THE SCIENCE BUILDING, ROUGHLY WHERE THE LIBRARY BASEMENT BOOK SHELVES NOW ARE LOCATED," HE RECALLS. "AND IT WAS DANGEROUS PLAY BECAUSE WE PLAYED THE GAME FROM WALL TO WALL; THERE WASN'T ROOM FOR AN OUT-OF-BOUNDS."

FATHER SCHEIDLER SAYS HE NATURALLY LOOKED FOR ITEMS LIKE QUICKNESS, STRENGTH AND AGILITY IN HIS ATHLETES, BUT MOST OF ALL, HE SOUGHT WHAT HE TERMS A "GO-GETTER, A PERSON WHO HAD THE DESIRE TO TAKE HIS GOD-GIVEN ATHLETIC ABILITY AND MAKE THE MOST OUT OF IT."

PEOPLE IN RENSSELAER AND ON THE CAMPUS RECALL FATHER SCHEIDLER'S TEAMS WERE POISED, WELL-DISCIPLINED AND CLEAN BUT HARD COMPETITORS. "I ALWAYS TOLD MY PLAYERS THAT THEY SHOULD ENJOY THEMSELVES AND HAVE FUN WHILE PLAYING, BUT THEY SHOULD ALSO DO THEIR BEST."

FATHER SCHEIDLER'S PLAYERS DID PRECISELY THIS, SO MUCH SO IN FACT, THAT WHEN GREAT BASKETBALL COACHES IN COLLEGE HISTORY ARE RECALLED YEARS FROM NOW, OBSERVERS MAY HAVE TO ACCORD HIM THE SAME SPOT IN THE EARLY ERA THAT JOE DIENHART HOLDS IN THE MODERN ERA.



SUBJECT: PAUL TONNER HOLDS DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF SERVICE TO SJC

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — PAUL C. TONNER, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "PROF" TO HUNDREDS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ALUMNI, OWNS A DISTINGUISHED RECORD AT COLLEGEVILLE THAT SPANS 45 YEARS (1918-63)—THE LONGEST PERIOD OF SERVICE BY ANY LAYMAN ON THE SCHOOL'S FACULTY.

MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAN THE NUMBER OF YEARS IS HIS DEVOTED LOYALTY TO THE SCHOOL, THROUGH THE DIFFICULT YEARS OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION, THEN THE YEARS OF EXPANSION BEFORE AND AFTER WORLD WAR II. NOT ONLY DID HE TEACH MUCH (DURING THESE 45 YEARS HE AVERAGED FIVE HOURS DAILY IN GIVING LESSONS IN PIANO, ORGAN, THEORY, ALL STRING, BRASS AND WIND INSTRUMENTS), BUT HE ALSO ACHIEVED MEMORABLE TRIUMPHS IN BAND, ORCHESTRA, ORGAN AND CHORAL PERFORMANCES.

HE RAISED A FAMILY OF TEN CHILDREN AND STILL FOUND TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS WHILE PUBLISHING AN IMPRESSIVE LIST OF COMPOSITIONS. HARD WORK, DEDICATION TO DUTY AND HIGH MORAL PRINCIPLES WERE EVIDENT TO HIS STUDENTS AND FELLOW PROFESSORS.

"SINCE HE RETIRED 13 YEARS AGO, HE IS NO LONGER KNOWN TO STUDENTS OR EVEN MANY OF OUR FACULTY," SAYS FATHER DOMINIC GERLACH, COLLEGE ARCHIVIST. "AND FOR THIS REASON IT IS FITTING TO INTRODUCE HIM AGAIN IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR AND REAWAKEN HIS IMAGE."

NOW A PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF MUSIC AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, TONNER IS AN 84-YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF FOEHREN, GERMANY. RAISED IN A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS FAMILY, THIS

SON OF JOHANN TONNER AND WILHELMINE JAEGER CONSIDERED ENTERING THE PRIESTHOOD AND HIS SOLE SURVIVING SISTER BECAME AN URSULINE NUN.

TONNER'S EARLY EDUCATION WAS READILY DIRECTED TO SERVICE OF THE CHURCH WHEN HE COMMUTED BY TRAIN TO ATTEND A SCHOOL FOR CHURCH MUSIC IN TRIER. AND IT WAS PRECISELY HIS TALENT IN CHURCH MUSIC THAT BROUGHT HIM TO AMERICA.

A PRIEST-UNCLE IN MINNESOTA ADVISED HIM REPEATEDLY THAT HIS SKILLS COULD BE USED OVER HERE, SO IN 1911 HE JOURNEYED TO THE UNITED STATES AND BECAME PARISH ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR IN DYERSVILLE, IOWA, WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL 1918.

ALL WENT WELL FOR TONNER THERE UNTIL THE U.S. ENTERED WORLD WAR I AND HE SOON FELT LESS THAN WELCOME IN THOSE TIMES OF STRONG ANTI-GERMAN SENTIMENT. ABOUT THIS TIME, AN ADVERTISEMENT IN DER WANDERER (THE WANDERER) CAME TO HIS ATTENTION, ANNOUNCING THAT SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS LOOKING FOR A MUSIC TEACHER.

HE NEARLY MISSED THE TRAIN STOP AT RENSSELAER BECAUSE THE CONDUCTOR PRO-  
NOUNCED THE STOP UNCLEARLY, BUT ONCE AT THE COLLEGE HE WAS GIVEN A PRACTICAL TEST OF HIS MUSIC TALENT BY FATHER ARNOLD WEYMANN AND WAS PROMPTLY HIRED BY SCHOOL PRESIDENT FATHER IGNATIUS WAGNER FOR \$110 A MONTH PLUS ROOM AND BOARD.

DURING 1918-19 HE LIVED ON CAMPUS IN GASPAR HALL, THEN THE PRIESTS' FACULTY BUILDING, AND HAS LIVED IN RENSSELAER SINCE 1919, WHEN ON JULY 2 HE MARRIED HIS SWEETHEART FROM DYERSVILLE, CALLISTA REIFF.

ALTHOUGH HE WAS THE ONLY LAYMAN ON THE FACULTY IN 1918, THE POSITION OF MUSIC INSTRUCTOR HAD BEEN A LAYMAN'S PRESERVE SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE. HIS INITIAL DUTIES INCLUDED THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA AND SERVING AS THE COLLEGE ORGANIST--THE LATTER DUTY REQUIRED MUCH TIME AND TALENT, SINCE SUNDAYS AND FEAST DAYS INCLUDED SPECIAL MUSICAL SOLEMNITIES--ORGAN PIECES, ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE CHOIR IN FOUR-PART MASSES, AND THE CHANTING OF VESPERS.



IN ADDITION, HE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS ON ALL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND TOOK CHARGE OF THE COLLEGE BAND IN 1921. A VIOLINIST AND CORNETIST, HE OCCASIONALLY GAVE SOLO CONCERTS AND IN ONE ANNUAL MUSICALE, HE SANG THE ROLE OF FAUST IN A SCENE FROM GOUNOD'S COMPOSITION. AND HIS DUTIES EXPANDED STILL FURTHER IN 1933-34 WHEN HE ORGANIZED THE GLEE CLUB.

LESS EVIDENT TO RENSSELAER TOWNSPEOPLE AND COLLEGE PERSONNEL WAS TONNER'S WORK AS A COMPOSER. HIS COMPOSING TALENTS WERE REMARKABLE, CONSIDERING THAT HIS FORMAL TRAINING HAD BEEN IN CHURCH MUSIC IN GERMANY, WHICH HE COMPLETED BEFORE HE WAS 19, AND ONLY LATER (IN 1931) DID HE FINISH HIS DEGREE WORK IN THE U.S.

YET HE HAS HAD MORE THAN 150 PIECES OF MUSIC PUBLISHED AMONG TEN DIFFERENT PUBLISHERS, ONE OF THEM AN ITALIAN FIRM, THE CACARRA PUBLISHING COMPANY. HIS COMPOSITIONS COVERED THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF MUSIC: ORGAN, PIANO, MOTETS AND MASSES, ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSTRUMENTS, FROM CHURCH MUSIC TO SECULAR NOVELTY PIECES.

TONNER RECALLS HIS FIRST PUBLICATION EFFORT WHEN A PHILADELPHIA PUBLISHER RETURNED HIS COMPOSITION, OFFERING HIM \$25 AND 25 COPIES. TONNER WROTE BACK, SUGGESTING \$100 AS A MORE FAIR PRICE, BUT HIS MANUSCRIPT WAS THEN RETURNED TO HIM.

HIS SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS WERE REWARDED, HOWEVER, AND ON ONE OCCASION HE PLACED SECOND AMONG 150 COMPOSERS, AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL, IN A NATION-WIDE CONTEST HELD IN CHICAGO.

WRITING OF MUSIC REQUIRES MUCH PATIENCE AND DEDICATION, FOR AS TONNER SAYS, EVERY PIECE THAT IS PUBLISHED REPRESENTS TWO MORE PIECES THAT WERE NOT PUBLISHED. HE OFFERS THIS BIT OF ADVICE, BASED ON EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE: AVOID GETTING INTO A RUT BY CONTINUALLY PLAYING YOUR OWN PIECES; YOU MUST STRIVE TO VARY YOUR STYLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

SUBJECT: PAUL TONNER'S MUSICAL TALENTS IDEALLY SUITED COLLEGE CURRICULUM

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- PAUL TONNER WAS "THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME" AS SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE DEVELOPED ITS CURRICULUM DURING THE 1920'S AND 1930'S.

DURING THESE YEARS, THE COLLEGE STRESSED THE PREPARATION OF PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, BOTH OF WHOM WERE EXPECTED LATER TO BECOME LEADERS IN PROVIDING THEIR PARISHES WITH GOOD MUSIC PROGRAMS. AND TONNER, WHO DEVELOPED HIS MUSICAL TALENT ON MANY FRONTS, WAS SUPERB IN CHURCH MUSIC, THE PRECISE AREA HIGHLY VALUED BY THE COLLEGE.

CHURCH MUSIC IN THOSE YEARS STRESSED AN EXCELLENT CHOIR THAT COULD IMPRESS THE CONGREGATION WITH BEAUTIFUL PART-MUSIC, PLUS GOOD ORGAN MUSIC. ALTHOUGH GREGORIAN CHANT WAS TAUGHT, CONGREGATIONAL SINGING TOOK A BACK SEAT.

THUS, A SUNDAY OR FEAST DAY LITURGY WAS EXPECTED TO BE AN IMPRESSIVE AND DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE TO THE EAR, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT EVERY PRIEST BE ABLE TO "SING" A HIGH MASS. TONNER RECALLS THAT HE ONCE TAUGHT A "DOMINUS VOBISCUM" CLASS FOR STUDENTS WITH "TIN EARS" SO THAT THEY WOULD HOPEFULLY ACHIEVE AT LEAST MINIMAL STANDARDS FOR A CHURCH SERVICE.

CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH MUSIC AT THE COLLEGE, MUCH EXCITEMENT ACCOMPANIED THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRESENT THREE-MANUAL PIPE ORGAN (PRICED AT \$14,000) IN 1921. ANNUAL CHAPEL CONCERTS WERE HELD FOR MORE



THAN TEN YEARS ON OR NEAR THE NOV. 22 FEAST OF ST. CAECILIA, THE PATRONESS OF CHURCH MUSIC. THE CONCERTS STARTED ON NOV. 16, 1921, WHEN A COMBINATION OF ORGAN AND CHOIR MUSIC, GREGORIAN CHANT AND NUMBERS BY THE LOCAL CHOIR DIRECTOR, FATHER JUSTIN HENKEL, MADE FOR A MEMORABLE OCCASION.

NEXT TO CHURCH MUSIC, TONNER'S EXPERTISE WITH THE BAND IS BEST REMEMBERED, ESPECIALLY IN LATER YEARS WHEN INTEREST IN THE ORCHESTRA DECLINED. ALUMNI READILY RECALL THE COLLEGE "FIGHT SONG," WHICH TONNER COMPOSED IN 1934 (FATHER PAUL SPECKBAUGH WROTE THE LYRICS); THE SONG HAS BEEN PLAYED HUNDREDS OF TIMES THROUGH THE YEARS AT SPORTING EVENTS.

TONNER'S BANDS PARADED, PLAYED AND EXECUTED FORMATIONS DURING FOOTBALL GAMES, AND IN EARLIER DAYS THE COLLEGE BANDSTAND WAS THE SCENE OF FREQUENT OUTDOOR CONCERTS; TOWNSPEOPLE RECALL THAT THESE CONCERTS, A TRADITION ON SPRINGTIME SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, WERE A PRINCIPAL LINK BETWEEN COLLEGE AND TOWN.

TONNER IS REMEMBERED NOT ONLY FOR HIS SKILL AS A DIRECTOR, BUT FOR HIS MUSICAL TEMPERAMENT, WHICH HE PREFERS TO CALL SIMPLY A "TEMPER." TENSION WOULD HANG HEAVY OVER THE LAST FEW PRACTICE SESSIONS BEFORE AN ANNUAL OR SEMI-ANNUAL CONCERT IN THE AUDITORIUM, AND SOMETIMES A FEW BAND MEMBERS WERE RELUCTANT TO COME TO THESE PRACTICES.

IF THE ENSUING PRACTICE WAS LISTLESS, TONNER WOULD REACH A POINT WHERE HE "HAD HAD IT." THERE FOLLOWED A MOMENT WHEN HE WOULD ELOQUENTLY EXPRESS HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE BAND, BUT THIS WAS INVARIABLY FOLLOWED BY A "RECONCILIATION," WITH WORDS OF CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS, PEACE, AND LOVE, AND A SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS WOULD RETURN. IT WAS PARTICULARLY IN THESE DIFFICULT MOMENTS THAT ALUMNI GATHERED THEIR HIGH ESTIMATION OF TONNER AS BOTH A DEDICATED MUSICIAN AND A MODEL CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN.

BEYOND HIS MANY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES, TONNER WAS PRINCIPAL ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH IN RENSSELAER FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS

AND HE FONDLY RECALLS HIS WORK WITH VARIOUS BANDS IN RENSSELAER AND NEARBY TOWNS.

BANDS CAUGHT THE NATIONAL FANCY DURING THE 1930'S, AND IN RENSSELAER HE ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND ON AN ALL-YEAR BASIS DURING 1930-40. RENSSELAER MERCHANTS STILL RECALL HOW WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING SUMMERS WERE SOMETHING SPECIAL: THEY KEPT THEIR STORES OPEN FROM 6 TO 9 P.M. THOSE DATES WHILE THE BAND GAVE CONCERTS ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS.

DURING 1933-43, TONNER DIRECTED A DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS--A GROUP THAT WON SECOND PLACE IN A LARGE CONTEST HELD AT THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR (CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION, 1933-34). HE ALSO DIRECTED THE CONCERT LEGION BAND, WHICH GAVE CONCERTS IN IROQUOIS PARK.

ON TOP OF THIS, HE DIRECTED BANDS IN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES DURING SUMMERS: REMINGTON (FIVE SUMMERS), WOLCOTT (THREE SUMMERS) AND BROOK (THREE SUMMERS). THESE TRAVELS NECESSITATED THE PURCHASE OF HIS FIRST CAR, A MODEL A FORD.

SAINT JOSEPH'S OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED TONNER'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1958 WHEN IT CONFERRED ON HIM THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 40TH YEAR ON THE COLLEGE FACULTY.

HE RETIRED IN 1963--AN EVENT WHICH PROBABLY WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY HAPPY ONE FOR A MAN AS ACTIVE AS HE, AND HE WAS HARDLY EXPECTED TO EQUATE RETIREMENT WITH RESTING.

TONNER STILL CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS PARISH ORGANIST AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S, GAVE PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS AND FOUND TIME TO COMPOSE MUSIC. DURING THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, HE IS WRITING ARRANGEMENTS FROM MASTER WORKS FOR BAND CONTEST NUMBERS IN WHICH VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF INSTRUMENTS ARE FEATURED.

IN ADDITION, HE HAS DEVELOPED HOBBIES IN WOOD CARVING AND PAINTING, AND HIS EFFORTS HERE ARE MOST CREDITABLE.





Prof Tonner's first duties were to conduct the college orchestra and play the organ. The college had an orchestra almost from the beginning, and until the 1940's it was prominent among the college's musical ambitions.



No less important was the college choir, also pictured in the early 1920's, but under the direction of the conductor-composer, Father Justin Henkel. An annual choir-organ concert with printed programs was held in the college chapel through the 1920's.





The college band about 1922. During the early 20's the band was still under the direction of Father Ildephonse Rapp, but soon thereafter it also became the responsibility of Prof Tonner [pictured standing behind Fr. Rapp].



The college bandstand, 1908[?] to 1963, was the scene of many an outdoor concert, and the most frequent occasion for the townsmen and visitors to see the students in action. With the advent of the radio the bandstand slowly outlived its function.



SUBJECT: FIFTH SJC PRESIDENT HEADED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REFORMS AT COLLEGE

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- DURING THE 1920's, THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GREW INCREASINGLY MORE CONCERNED THAT THE EDUCATION OF ITS SEMINARIANS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS NOT AS DISTINCTLY RELIGIOUS IN ITS DISCIPLINE AS IT SHOULD BE.

THIS CONCERN PLUS DIRECTIVES FROM ROME THAT PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS NEEDED "EXCLUSIVE AND SEGREGATED" ENVIRONMENTS PROMPTED SAINT JOSEPH'S TO UNDERTAKE REFORMS IN 1925 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF A BRILLIANT YOUNG PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT CARTHAGENA, FATHER DIDACUS BRACKMANN.

HIS PRESIDENCY WAS RELATIVELY SHORT, 1925-27, BUT THESE WERE SIGNIFICANT YEARS. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE COLLEGE AT THIS TIME HAD NO INDEPENDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (COMPRISED OF THE FATHER PROVINCIAL AND HIS COUNCIL), WHICH COULD REMOVE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS OR TEACHERS AND IN ALMOST ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE SCHOOL'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

SAINT JOSEPH'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE WAS LARGELY TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ENTRY INTO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES, BUT IT HAD ALSO ACCEPTED NON-PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS (BUT NOT NON-CATHOLICS), ESPECIALLY IN ITS COMMERCIAL AND NORMAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS, OR AS INCREASINGLY CATEGORIZED, THE HIGH SCHOOL OR ACADEMY STUDENTS.

A NATIVE OF GERMANY, FATHER BRACKMANN CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S FOR HIS PRE-SEMINARY TRAINING DURING 1892-98. HE WON GOLD MEDALS IN HIS GRADUATING CLASS FOR EXCELLENCE IN RELIGION, ENGLISH LITERATURE, GREEK AND MATHEMATICS, AND DELIVERED THE VALEDICTORY ADDRESS.

ORDAINED IN 1902, HE TAUGHT DOGMATIC THEOLOGY AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY UNTIL 1919. FELLOW PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS LAUDED HIS EXTRAORDINARILY KEEN LOGICAL TALENTS, BUT AFTER 17 YEARS OF TEACHING HE TURNED HIS EFFORTS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING EDUCATION REFORMS FOR THE SEMINARIANS.

FIRST CAME THE START OF A SEPARATE MINOR SEMINARY AT THE NOVITIATE AT BURKETTSVILLE, OHIO, IN THE FALL OF 1919. FROM 1919-25 THE SOCIETY'S MINOR SEMINARIANS NO LONGER ENTERED SJC, SO THE COLLEGE LOST MANY STUDENTS, CUTTING ENROLLMENT FROM 318 IN 1919 TO A LOW OF 240 IN 1924.

MEANWHILE, THE PROGRAM AT BURKETTSVILLE COMBINED WITH THE FACILITIES AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY DID NOT WORK OUT SATISFACTORILY. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THEN, WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SEVERAL BISHOPS WHO WANTED TO COOPERATE IN A MORE STRICT FORMATION PROGRAM FOR THEIR OWN MINOR SEMINARIANS, DECIDED TO CONVERT SJC INTO AN EXCLUSIVE "SAINT JOSEPH'S PREPARATORY SEMINARY," AS IT WAS THEN TEMPORARILY RENAMED FOR TWO YEARS.

THIS BEGAN IN THE FALL OF 1925 AND FATHER BRACKMANN THUS BECAME THE FIRST RECTOR. THE COMMERCIAL AND NORMAL STUDENTS WERE ALLOWED TO FINISH THEIR COURSE OF STUDIES, BUT WERE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT IN ALL WAYS TO THE STRICTER RELIGIOUS DISCIPLINE.

SOME TENSION RESULTED FROM THIS CHANGE, NOT ONLY FOR THE STUDENTS WHO CONTINUED FROM A PREVIOUS REGIME, BUT ALSO FOR THE FACULTY. THE FACULTY, ALMOST ALL OF THEM PRIESTS, WERE NOT TOTALLY CONVINCED THAT THIS WAS A GOOD THING; ONE DEMANDED TO BE REASSIGNED ELSEWHERE.

AT FIRST, THE EXCLUSIVE SEMINARY STATUS FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S SEEMED TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IN THE FALL OF 1928, THE SOCIETY WAS REQUIRED TO MOVE ITS FIRST TWO CLASSES BACK TO BURKETTSVILLE, BECAUSE THE COLLEGE WAS OVERCROWDED WITH DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS. SOON, HOWEVER, THE GOLD YEARS OF CROWDED CLASSROOMS CAME TO A SUDDEN HALT.



MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY EMPTY COFFERS RESULTING FROM THE GREAT DEPRESSION, THE BISHOPS BEGAN TO STOP SENDING STUDENTS, AND IN THE FALL OF 1930, SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS FORCED TO REVERT TO ITS FORMER PRACTICE OF ACCEPTING NON-PRIEST-HOOD STUDENTS AGAIN.

IN 1927, AFTER TWO YEARS AS PRESIDENT, FATHER BRACKMANN'S HEALTH BROKE DOWN AND HE WAS ASSIGNED FOR THE REMAINING TWO YEARS OF HIS LIFE TO A CHAPLAINCY WITH THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME IN MILWAUKEE. HE DIED OF CANCER IN ALEXIAN BROTHERS HOSPITAL, CHICAGO, ON JULY 24, 1929, AT THE AGE OF 53.

ALTHOUGH FATHER BRACKMANN FILLED THE ROLE OF A "REFORMER" AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, HE HAD NO TYRANNICAL CHARACTERISTICS READILY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH A ROLE. HE WAS A SENSITIVE AND GENTLE PERSON, WHO WAS MOST SEVERE WITH HIMSELF.



Rev. Didacus Brackmann

SUBJECT: FATHER KENKEL WORE MANY HATS AS SIXTH SJC PRESIDENT

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- VERSATILITY AND FLEXIBILITY WERE VALUABLE ATTRIBUTES FOR FATHER JOSEPH KENKEL, SAINT JOSEPH'S SIXTH PRESIDENT, WHO SERVED IN THAT CHALLENGING OFFICE FROM THE FALL OF 1927 UNTIL FEB. 1, 1937 -- NEARLY TEN YEARS.

A NATIVE OF OHIO, FATHER KENKEL FIRST CAME TO SJC AS A STUDENT DURING 1907-13, WHEN HE EARNED A REPUTATION AS A FINE STUDENT AND ATHLETE, ESPECIALLY IN BASKETBALL. ORDAINED IN 1918, HE EARNED A PH.D. IN ECONOMICS FOUR YEARS LATER AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

HE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE TO TEACH IN 1922, BUT IN JANUARY, 1923, WAS TRANSFERRED TO SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY TO TEACH AND DIRECT THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF THE MINOR SEMINARIANS. THEN IN THE FALL OF 1925, HE RETURNED TO SJC WITH FATHER DIDACUS BRACKMANN WHEN THE COLLEGE BECAME A "PREPARATORY SEMINARY."

FATHER KENKEL WAS PREFECT OF STUDIES UNTIL HE ADDED THE DUTIES OF PRESIDENT. ON TOP OF THIS, HE WAS RELIGIOUS SUPERIOR AND HE CONTINUED TO TEACH A FEW CLASSES. WITHOUT THE HELP OF A SECRETARY, ALL THESE CHORES WERE HIS TO COMPLETE.

WITH ENROLLMENT CLIMBING ABOVE THE 300 MARK IN 1928, NECESSITATING THE TRANSFER OF THE FIRST TWO CLASSES OF THE SOCIETY'S STUDENTS TO BURKETTSVILLE, THINGS SEEMED IDEAL FOR THE COLLEGE. BUT THEN CAME THE GREAT DEPRESSION, AND



BISHOPS WHO ONLY FOUR YEARS EARLIER HAD ASSURED A CONSTANT FLOW OF STUDENTS NOW DROPPED THOSE PROMISES.

ENROLLMENT REACHED AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 331 IN 1930 BEFORE THE LOSS OF STUDENTS FROM SUCH KEY DIOCESES AS FORT WAYNE, LOUISVILLE AND TOLEDO TOOK ITS TOLL. BUT DESPITE THE GROWING ENROLLMENT, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAD ALREADY DECIDED ON MAR. 29, 1932, TO REVERT TO THE FORMER PRACTICE OF ADMITTING NON-PRIESTHOOD STUDENTS.

THEN AS THE DEPRESSION GREW MORE SEVERE, A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ENTIRE SOCIETY AT CARTHAGENA MADE A DECISION ON AUG. 8, 1935, WHICH RANKED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN COLLEGE HISTORY UP UNTIL THAT TIME: SAINT JOSEPH'S WOULD BE EXPANDED INTO A FOUR-YEAR, A.B. DEGREE-GRANTING SCHOOL.

SOUND LOGIC SUPPORTED THIS DECISION, DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF A DEPRESSION. FIRST, THERE WERE AN EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES WHO WISHED TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A COLLEGE EDUCATION, AND FOR MANY OF THEM A CATHOLIC SCHOOL WAS THEIR ONLY CONSIDERATION.

MEANWHILE, IT WAS HARDER TO GET BOARDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS THE NUMBER OF LOCAL AND PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS INCREASED. THEREFORE, A SENIOR CATHOLIC COLLEGE STOOD A GOOD CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. FURTHERMORE, CLOSING THE SCHOOL AT THIS TIME WAS UNACCEPTABLE IN VIEW OF THE CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT ALREADY MADE IN BUILDINGS, FACILITIES, FACULTY, FARM LAND AND TRADITION.

FATHER KENKEL'S GREATEST CHALLENGE WAS MAKING ENDS MEET IN THE DEPRESSION-- EVERY PENNY COUNTED, COLLECTION OF BOARD AND TUITION BILLS WAS ALL-IMPORTANT AND AT THE SAME TIME PLANS HAD TO GO ON TO EXPAND BOTH FACILITIES AND TRAINED PERSONNEL. THE LATTER WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY SENDING NEWLY-ORDAINED PRIESTS, WHOSE CLASSES WERE FORTUNATELY LARGE AT THIS TIME, AWAY FOR ADVANCED DEGREES.

AFTER RIDING OUT THE MOST DIFFICULT YEARS OF THE DEPRESSION, FATHER KENKEL

WITNESSED THE BEGINNINGS OF ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL PLANT EXPANSION. DURING 1935-36, THE WEST WING WAS ADDED TO THE PRESENT SCIENCE HALL. AND THE FIRST JUNIOR CLASS BEGAN IN THE FALL OF 1936.

ON FEB. 1, 1937, FATHER KENKEL RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AND THE OFFICE OF SUPERIOR OF THE C.P.P.S. MEMBERS HERE WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE SAME MAN AS YET, AND RELIGIOUS POLICY URGED THAT SUPERIORS HAVE SHORT TERMS.

FATHER KENKEL SUBSEQUENTLY BROKE ONE TRADITION AMONG PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS: HE DID NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL. AFTER SPENDING ONLY ONE SEMESTER AWAY, HE RETURNED TO DEVOTE THE REST OF HIS YEARS TO SERVICE ON THE FACULTY. DURING THIS TIME, HE PUBLISHED PAMPHLETS AND ARTICLES AND GAVE LECTURES CONCERNING CATHOLIC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES.

HE ALSO HELD VARIOUS OFFICES SUCH AS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND MEMBERSHIP ON THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL AND ON THE BOARD OF CONTROL (NOW CALLED TRUSTEES).

ON MAY 13, 1970, THE COLLEGE RECOGNIZED HIS SERVICES BY AWARDING HIM AN HONORARY DEGREE.



Rev. Joseph Kenkel



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S FARMS STARTED WITH 300-ACRE DONATION

(FIRST IN A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — EDUCATION HAS BEEN THE MAIN ACTIVITY AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SINCE THE LATE 1800'S, BUT ANOTHER ACTIVITY DIRECTLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS HAS ALSO PROGRESSED STEADILY SINCE THAT TIME: FARMING.

DURING THE CURRENT GROWING SEASON, THE COLLEGE HAS 1000 ACRES OF LAND UNDER CULTIVATION, AND THE COLLEGE CROPS PLUS ITS HOG OPERATION REPRESENT A GROSS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL OPERATING COSTS OF SJC OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE PERCENT.

AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE COLLEGE FARM OPERATION TODAY GAINS MEANING ONLY AFTER AN EXAMINATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE FARMS AND HOW SJC ACREAGE HAS GROWN. THE FIRST COLLEGE LAND ENDOWMENT OF 300 ACRES CAN BE TRACED BACK TO JULY 4, 1866, WHEN JOHN HENRY LUERS, THE FIRST BISHOP OF FORT WAYNE, PURCHASED 933 ACRES DIRECTLY SOUTH OF RENSSELAER FROM THE GEORGE W. SPITLER FAMILY FOR THE BARGAIN PRICE OF \$18,000.

ON MAY 9, 1889, THE RIGHT REV. JOSEPH DWENGER, SUCCESSOR TO BISHOP LUERS, DONATED THE 300 ACRES (INCLUDING ORPHAN BUILDINGS) TO SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AS ITS FIRST ENDOWMENT AND THE SCHOOL WAS NAMED "JOSEPH" IN HIS HONOR. IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR (MAR. 27, 1888), HE HAD SOLD ALL OF HIS LAND (420 ACRES) EAST OF U.S. 231 TO THE BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS FOR \$10,100 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOUNDING AN INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL.

A SERIES OF SUBSEQUENT LAND ACQUISITIONS GREATLY EXPANDED COLLEGE HOLDINGS.

THE FIRST CAME ON MAR. 30, 1895, WHEN BROTHER WILLIAM ZINK, SJC'S FIRST FARM MANAGER, PURCHASED 40 ACRES WEST OF SPARLING AVENUE THAT RECENTLY WAS A PRACTICE FIELD FOR THE CHICAGO BEARS.

THIS LAND WAS PURCHASED FROM GEORGE AND ELLA DAY OF FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR \$1800 AND WAS KNOWN AS THE "ZINK FARM." ON JAN. 5, 1922, BROTHER WILLIAM DEEDED THIS PROPERTY TO THE COLLEGE.

COLLEGE LAND HOLDINGS STAYED THE SAME UNTIL NOV. 26, 1917, WHEN SJC PURCHASED THE 160-ACRE EIGELSBACH FARM, BORDERING THE IROQUOIS RIVER IN A SECTION THAT REPRESENTS THE SCHOOL'S NORTHWESTERNMOST HOLDING. PURCHASED FOR \$2800, THIS AREA HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN TWO FAMILY FARMS, WITH THE WESTERN HALF BELONGING TO WERNER AND MARY MILLER, WHO SOLD IT TO HENRY EIGELSBACH OCT. 10, 1905. THIS PROPERTY INCLUDED UNTIL RECENTLY THE "SCHARF HOUSE" WHICH WAS THE ORIGINAL EIGELSBACH HOME.

NEARLY FOUR YEARS LATER, ON OCT. 13, 1921, THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD DONATED THE FORMER "INDIAN SCHOOL FARM" TO THE COLLEGE, AMOUNTING TO 420 ACRES THAT ALMOST DOUBLED THE SIZE OF THE COLLEGE FARM TO A TOTAL OF 920 ACRES. THE INDIAN SCHOOL CLOSED IN THE SPRING OF 1896, AND THE LAND HAD BEEN CONSISTENTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

SO IT WAS NATURAL THAT THE SOCIETY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BUYING IT, WHICH IT DID OCT. 30, 1899, FOR \$22,500. FROM 1899 TO 1921 THIS FARM WAS OPERATED AS AN INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION UNRELATED TO THE COLLEGE. THIS 1921 DONATION USHERED IN A PERIOD OF NINE YEARS WHEN COLLEGE LAND HOLDINGS REMAINED THE SAME.

BUT DURING 1930-34, THE COLLEGE ACQUIRED THREE MORE TRACTS OF LAND WHICH NEARLY DOUBLED THE ACREAGE ONCE MORE, FROM 920 TO 1650 ACRES. THIS OCCURRED DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION, WHEN THE COST OF LAND HAD SUNK CONSIDERABLY.

ON SEPT. 15, 1930, THE COLLEGE ACQUIRED THE SO-CALLED "FOWLER FARM," WHICH WAS NOT ADJACENT TO THE COLLEGE'S OTHER LAND, BUT WAS A FEW MILES SOUTHWEST OF REMINGTON IN BENTON COUNTY. A LADY NAMED LUDIE HEBERT DONATED THESE 240 ACRES OF EXCELLENT FARM LAND TO THE COLLEGE, AND SJC THEREAFTER PAID HER ANNUITIES



ON IT. HOWEVER, THE COLLEGE SOLD IT AGAIN IN 1952.

COLLEGE HOLDINGS GREW BY 155 ACRES ON MAR. 30, 1932, WHEN THE COLLEGE PURCHASED THE "FRANK KANNE FARM" FOR \$15,500. THIS FARM INCLUDES THE CURRENT "WHITE HOUSE" AND ADJACENT LAND IMMEDIATELY WEST OF BENNETT HALL. BEFORE KANNE, THIS GROUND WAS OWNED BY JOSEPH SPARLING, AFTER WHOM SPARLING AVENUE IS POSSIBLY NAMED.

TWO YEARS LATER, ON SEPT. 24, 1934, SAINT JOSEPH'S PURCHASED 335.13 ACRES FROM THE ESTATE OF JOHN LAWLER, A WEALTHY CHICAGO CATTLEMAN WHO REPORTEDLY OWNED UP TO 17,000 ACRES OF LAND IN NEWTON COUNTY ALONE. NOW THE SOUTHWESTERNMOST AREA OF THE CURRENT COLLEGE FARM, THE SCHOOL PURCHASED ONLY THAT PART OF THIS ESTATE WHICH LAY EAST OF THE IROQUOIS RIVER FOR THE BARGAIN PRICE OF \$16,500.

SAINT JOSEPH'S LAST ADDITIONAL FARMLAND PURCHASE CAME APR. 13, 1945, WHEN 40 ACRES OWNED BY ELMER AND AMY PHEGLEY WAS BOUGHT. THIS ACREAGE LIES APPROXIMATELY BETWEEN THE GRAVEL PITS AND THE CEMETERY ROAD.

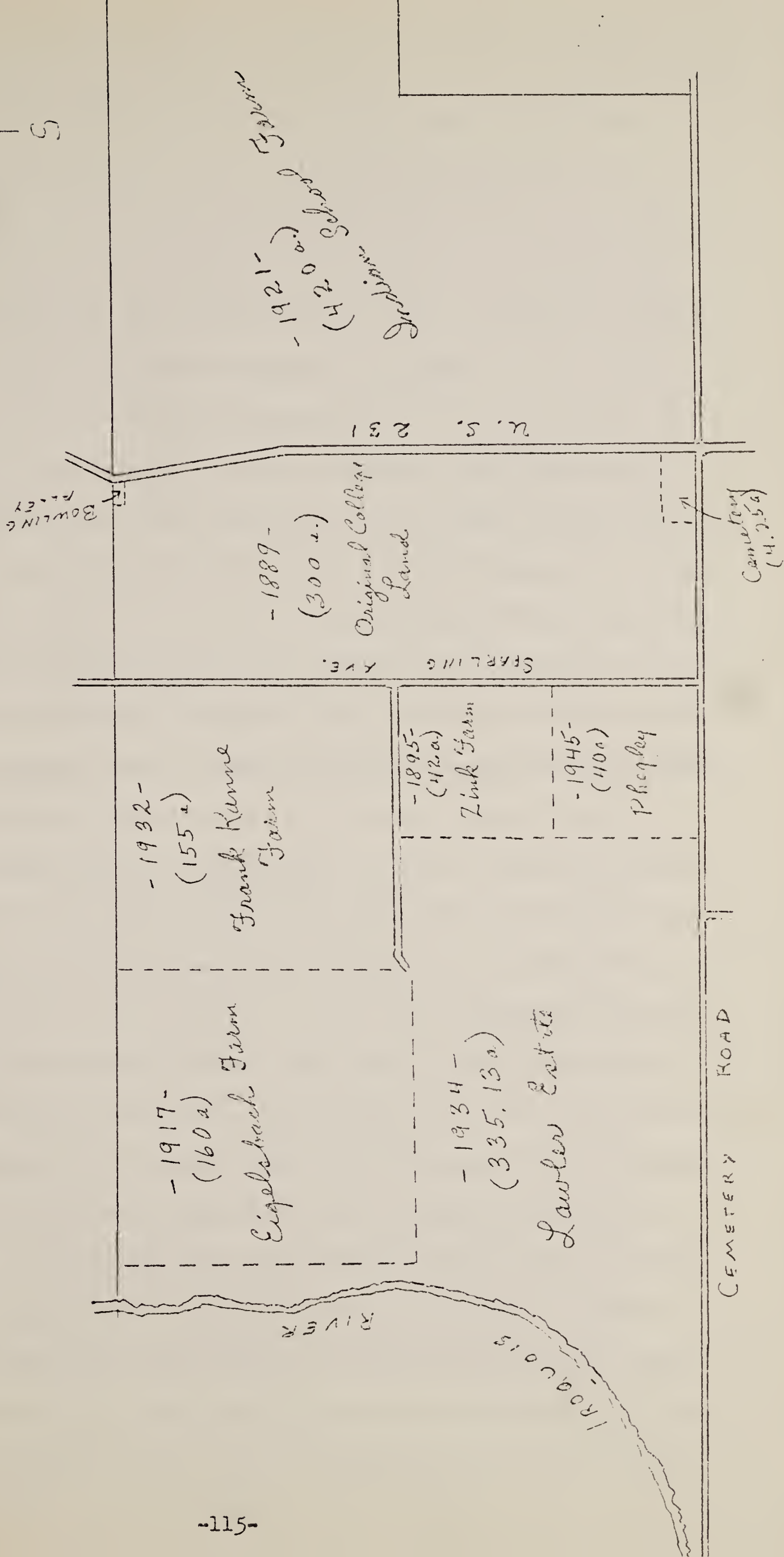
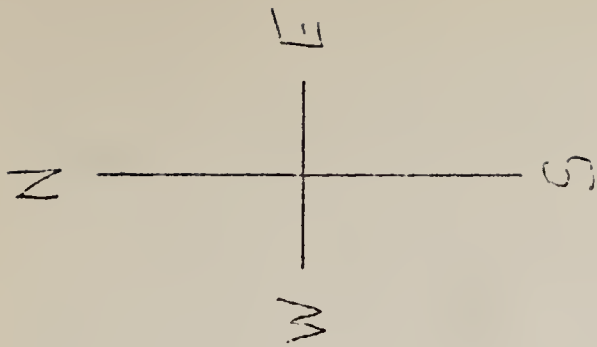
SEVERAL OTHER LAND TRANSACTIONS COMPLETE THE PICTURE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S HOLDINGS, STARTING WITH SEPT. 11, 1945, WHEN THE COLLEGE CEDED AROUND TWO ACRES TO MT. CALVARY CEMETERY, MAKING IT ABOUT 4.25 ACRES IN SIZE. THIS CEMETERY WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY BISHOP LUERS IN THE EARLY 1870'S. AND ON NOV. 6, 1950, THE COLLEGE SOLD THE .76 ACRE PIECE OF LAND ON WHICH THE BOWLING ALLEY NOW STANDS.

A FINAL ACQUISITION CAME IN 1954 WHEN THE COLLEGE PURCHASED THE SEVEN-ACRE IRA WASHBURN ESTATE IN RENSSELAER. THIS WAS DONE, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE ADDED HOUSING FACILITIES FOR THE RAPIDLY-INCREASING ENROLLMENT. LASTLY, AROUND 1971, THE COLLEGE RECEIVED BY WAY OF BEQUEST A 192-ACRE "SCHWIETERMAN FARM" IN MERCER COUNTY, OHIO, WHICH IT SOLD IN 1973.

THUS FARMING HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, AND CURRENTLY THE COLLEGE FARM CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 1450 ACRES (INCLUDING THE CAMPUS PROPER).

# EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE FARM

1889 to 1945





SUBJECT: BROTHER WILLIAM ZINK WAS FIRST TO GIVE SJC FARMS "LOVING CARE"

(SECOND IN A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — FARMING ITS OWN LAND HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE EVER SINCE THE SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED IN 1889, AND THE GROWTH OF COLLEGE LAND FROM AN ORIGINAL 300 ACRES TO APPROXIMATELY 1450 ACRES TELLS ONLY PART OF THE STORY.

AS COLLEGE HISTORIAN FATHER DOMINIC GERLACH SAYS, "IT WOULD BE FASCINATING IF ONE COULD PUT TOGETHER A STORY OF HOW THE COLLEGE FARM WAS RUN THROUGH THE YEARS AND WHO THE PERSONALITIES ALL WERE WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH IT."

ALTHOUGH RECORDS ARE ADMITTEDLY SKETCHY FROM THE EARLY YEARS, A FEW DOMINANT PERSONALITIES DO SHOW THROUGH, STARTING WITH BROTHER WILLIAM ZINK, FARM MANAGER DURING 1889-1909. THE FIRST ARTICLE IN THIS SERIES HAS INDICATED HOW HE PURCHASED 30 ACRES WEST OF SPARLING AVENUE AND DEEDED THIS PROPERTY TO THE COLLEGE IN 1922.

LONG HOURS AND HARD WORK WERE A MUST FOR BROTHER WILLIAM, AND HIS EFFORTS INVOLVED MORE THAN JUST PLANTING, CULTIVATING AND HARVESTING. IN THESE EARLY YEARS, THE CHIEF PROBLEM WITH COLLEGE LAND WAS THAT MUCH OF IT LAY UNDER WATER AT TIMES, MAKING DIGGING OF DITCHES AND LAYING OF TILES A NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT. SOMETIMES, THIS INVOLVED THE COLLEGE IN HEATED DISPUTES.

BARNs IN THE EARLY DAYS STOOD VERY NEAR THE COLLEGE, APPROXIMATELY WHERE SEIFERT HALL STANDS TODAY, AND IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT EARLY STUDENTS MUST HAVE CAUGHT THE ODORS COMING FROM THE CHICKEN COOPS, PIG STIES AND COW AND HORSE

BARNs THAT STOOD IN THE WINDWARD DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

IN 1900, THE COLLEGE ERECTED A NEW, HUGE BANK BARN FOR THE DAIRY HERD THAT OCCUPIED THE CURRENT SITE OF HALLECK CENTER FOR THE NEXT 54 YEARS. SOON, OTHER FARM BUILDINGS NEAR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WERE MOVED WEST TO THE VICINITY OF THE COW BARN ALONG SPARLING AVENUE.

CHICKENS AND PIGS WERE NEXT MOVED TO AN AREA EAST OF DREXEL HALL, THEN AFTER 1950, WITH THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF NEW DORMITORIES, THE OLD BARNs ALONG SPARLING AVENUE WERE MOVED AGAIN. DAYS OF THE HORSES HAD DISAPPEARED BY NOW, BUT A MODERN "MILK PARLOR" WAS ERECTED IN 1953 A HALF-MILE WEST OF SPARLING AVENUE AND THE PUBLIC WAS INVITED TO INSPECT THIS MODERNIZED FACILITY.

MR. AND MRS. FRED SHUSTER HAD RETURNED TO MANAGE THE HOLSTEIN HERD AND BY 1963 THE HERD NUMBERED 150 HEAD, 90 OF WHICH WERE MILKING COWS. BUT IN THAT YEAR THE ENTIRE HERD AND PART OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS LIQUIDATED, AND THE MILKING PARLOR WAS PARTIALLY REMODELED INTO AN ELECTRIC SHOP. THE REST OF THE BUILDINGS WERE CHANGED INTO STORAGE FACILITIES.

SYMBOLIC OF THE WHOLE STORY OF THE COLLEGE FARM IS THE STORY OF THE DAIRY HERD. IN THE EARLY DAYS, THE FARM SERVED ALL PURPOSES, FOR IT LARGELY PROVIDED THE FOOD THAT APPEARED ON TABLES ON THE CAMPUS. THEREFORE, NOT ONLY WERE ACRES OF LAND ALLOCATED TO RAISING THE LOWLY POTATO (POSSIBLY THE MOST FAMILIAR PART OF THE COLLEGE MENU), BUT THERE ALSO EXISTED A LARGE GARDEN AND ORCHARD IN THE AREA BEHIND THE PRESENT CHAPEL.

BUT AS THE COLLEGE GREW, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE 1940's, ALL THESE SEPARATE ACTIVITIES WERE ENDED, ONE BY ONE. ONE OF THE FINAL PROJECTS TO GO WAS THE DAIRY HERD, SO THAT TODAY THE FARM IS LIMITED CHIEFLY TO CROP FARMING OF 1000 ACRES, MOST OF IT DEVOTED TO CORN AND SOYBEANS. THE COLLEGE STILL CONTINUES TO RAISE PIGS, HOWEVER, MANAGED BY GEORGE SHUSTER, A COLLEGE FARM EMPLOYEE SINCE 1929.

BEST REMEMBERED BETWEEN 1910 AND 1930 AS MANAGER OF THE COLLEGE FARM WAS



BROTHER ANTHONY BADE, AND DURING THESE YEARS VALUABLE, NECESSARY LABOR WAS PERFORMED BY STUDENT SEMINARIANS, ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

IN 1919, WHEN THE SEMINARIANS GRADUALLY SHIFTED TO BURKETTSVILLE, OHIO, FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE COLLEGE HIRED SEVERAL UNMARRIED YOUNG MEN WHO LIVED IN AN OLD FRAME BUILDING ON THE SITE OF TODAY'S MERLINI HALL. THIS BUILDING, INCIDENTALLY, WAS THE LAST RELIC OF THE OLD ORPHAN BUILDINGS THAT PRECEDED THE COLLEGE.

IN THE LATE 1930'S, MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLEGE FARM WAS ASSUMED BY RICHARD WINTER, WHO CONTINUED AS MANAGER UNTIL 1974, EXCEPTING ONLY THE YEARS OF WORLD WAR II. UPON HIS RETIREMENT, WINTER WAS REPLACED BY A FAMILIAR FIGURE ON THE FARM, HAROLD SMITH, WHO OPERATES THE FARM YET TODAY.

AMOUNTS OF ACREAGE THAT COULD BE ACTUALLY DEVOTED TO FARMING HAS OVER THE YEARS HAD TO BE SACRIFICED TO THE GROWING SPACE OF THE CAMPUS. IN 1900, THE CAMPUS OCCUPIED JUST 39 ACRES, BUT TODAY A ROUGH ESTIMATE WOULD RAISE THAT FIGURE TO ABOUT 260 ACRES.



This placid scene shows the location of the first college farm buildings in relationship to the college. They stood generally directly west of what is now Merlini Hall. These included buildings for pigs and chickens. The building with the strawstack housed the horses, including those used for transportation.





Another view of the barns about 1918 taken from the top of Science Hall. Some of these buildings must have dated from the days of the orphanage. In 1921 the buildings in the foreground were torn down, partly to make room for the new powerhouse, partly to have more modern structures for the greatly expanded farm, and partly to increase the distance from the campus. The big bank barn in the upper right hand corner had been built already in 1900.



A new horsebarn was built near Sparling Avenue in 1921 to accommodate ten teams of horses. The cowbarn can be seen in the background. A granary and implement sheds were soon added near the new horsebarn.





Brother Ferdinand Dunsche (with beard) and helper pose with their new milking machine sometime before 1919 in the basement of the bank barn where the dairy herd was housed.

*Bro. Tony Bade with "Jack & Jimmie"  
digging potatoes.*



Brother Tony Bade digging potatoes around 1920. Several acres were put in "spuds" each year, and every fall seminarians were detailed to pick them up in sacks and bring them to the potato cellar. The back-breaking monotony of this task was relieved by occasional potato "fights" while the boss wasn't looking.





Almost equally important for the college daily menu was the college garden located south of the kitchen and laundry and extending west to the grotto grove. Part of the college orchard can be seen in the background.



The college orchard





This partial view of the college cellar shows how the college utilized its garden and orchard products.



One cannot overlook the contribution of the CPPS nuns of Dayton, Ohio, to the history of the college. The picture shows that as many as 24 were stationed here at one time in the early years [picture possibly taken in 1915]. It required many busy hands to peel the potatoes, can the fruit, cook the meals, do the laundry and mend the clothes in the days before the introduction of modern labor-saving machinery. The Sisters served in the college kitchen from 1891 to 1959, a period of 68 years. From 1956 to 1961 three other CPPS Sisters served on the faculty at a time when there were plans to open a girls' college in conjunction with Saint Joseph's.



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S FARMING TODAY IS NO SMALL OPERATION

(THIRD IN A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — FARMING OPERATIONS TODAY COME IN VARIOUS SIZES RANGING FROM THE VERY LARGE TO THE VERY SMALL, AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE FARM OPERATION AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TODAY MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS OPERATION IS HARDLY A SMALL ONE.

WITH 1000 ACRES OF LAND UNDER CULTIVATION DURING THE CURRENT GROWING SEASON, THE COLLEGE CROPS PLUS ITS HOG OPERATION REPRESENT A GROSS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL OPERATING COSTS OF SJC OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE PERCENT.

MANAGER OF THE COLLEGE FARM IS HAROLD SMITH, WHO IS ASSISTED BY HIS WIFE, MARGARET, ON A FULL-TIME BASIS. GEORGE SHUSTER DIRECTS THE HOG OPERATION, WHICH RESULTS IN THE MARKETING OF UP TO 1200 HOGS EACH YEAR.

IT'S DOUBTFUL IF YOU COULD ASK FOR TWO PERSONS MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE COLLEGE AND ITS LAND THAN SMITH AND SHUSTER; SMITH HAS BEEN A COLLEGE EMPLOYEE SINCE MAR. 9, 1946, AND SHUSTER JOINED THE CAMPUS WORK FORCE JAN. 23, 1929. THAT ADDS UP TO A COMBINED TOTAL OF 79 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE.

SMITH BECAME MANAGER OF THE FARM IN AUGUST, 1974, WHEN RICHARD WINTER RETIRED, AND IN ADDITION TO HIS WIFE, MARTIN SMITH, A RENSSELAER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, WORKS FULL-TIME DURING THE SUMMER AND PART-TIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

"OF OUR 1000 ACRES UNDER CULTIVATION THIS YEAR, 455 ACRES ARE IN CORN AND 320 ARE IN SOYBEANS," SMITH EXPLAINS. "WE ALSO HAVE 130 ACRES IN WHEAT, 60 ACRES IN OATS AND 35 ACRES IN HAY—A MIXTURE OF TIMOTHY, ALFALFA, CLOVER AND



LESPEDAZA. U.S. HIGHWAY 231 DIVIDES THE FARM WITH APPROXIMATELY 400 ACRES EAST OF IT AND 600 WEST OF IT."

SMITH SAYS THE COLLEGE OWNS VARIOUS EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE ITS FARMING CHORES, INCLUDING THREE LARGE TRACTORS (125, 100 AND 70 HORSEPOWER) AND FOUR SMALLER TRACTORS FOR SMALLER JOBS. ALSO READY FOR USE ARE A SIX-BOTTOM AND FOUR-BOTTOM PLOW, AN 11-FOOT CHISEL PLOW, TWO DISKS (ONE 18-FOOT AND ONE TEN-FOOT), AN 18-FOOT FIELD CULTIVATOR, TWO SIX-ROW CULTIVATORS, A SIX-ROW PLANTER, A 13-FOOT GRAIN DRILL AND A 12-FOOT ROTARY HOE.

"OUR HAY OPERATION HAS A HAY MOWER, HAY RAKE, HAY BALER AND A HAY AND GRAIN ELEVATOR, WHILE TWO COMBINES ASSIST IN HARVESTING—A 6600 COMBINE WITH A GRAIN TABLE AND CORN HEAD AND A 550 COMBINE WITH A GRAIN TABLE," SMITH SAYS. "THERE ALSO ARE FOUR LARGE (350 BUSHEL CAPACITY) WAGONS AND THREE SMALLER ONES, PLUS FOUR TRUCKS, ONE OF THESE A PICKUP."

FOR STORAGE AND DRYING THERE IS ONE 500-BUSHEL GRAIN DRYER AND ONE 24,000-BUSHEL STORAGE BIN, TWO 10,000-BUSHEL STORAGE BINS AND ONE 2,000-BUSHEL HOLDING BIN. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT CONSISTS OF ONE MANURE LOADER AND SPREADER.

"TO ASSIST OUR FARM OPERATION, WE CAN MAKE USE OF A CONSULTING SERVICE—THE FARMERS GRAIN AND LIVESTOCK SERVICE OF DES MOINES, IOWA," EXPLAINS KEN ZAWODNY, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS. "THIS SERVICE DEALS WITH DAY-TO-DAY MARKETS AND GIVES US ADVICE ON SELLING, FOR EXAMPLE. WE DON'T SELL ALL AT ONCE, AND WE DON'T TRY TO GET THE HIGHEST PRICE, BUT INSTEAD WE TRY TO AVERAGE OUT OUR PER-BUSHEL GRAIN SALES."

IN ADDITION TO THIS CONSULTING SERVICE, SAINT JOSEPH'S IS ASSISTED BY A FARM COMMITTEE THAT GIVES THE COLLEGE ADVICE RELATIVE TO LONG-RANGE OPERATIONS AND GOALS THAT SHOULD BE REACHED FOR FIVE YEARS FROM NOW, FOR EXAMPLE. THIS COMMITTEE DOES NOT GET INVOLVED IN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS, SUCH AS PLANTING OR SELLING.

"WE TEST OUR LAND EACH SPRING, AND THE RESULTS OF THIS ENABLE ME TO CONTRACT FOR WHATEVER IS NEEDED, SUCH AS LIMING OR FERTILIZING," SMITH REPORTS. "WE DO NOT RAISE ANY TURN-UNDER CROPS; INSTEAD WE PLANT WHEAT AND OATS AND TURN UNDER

THE STUBBLE FOR ITS NUTRIENTS. THE GROUND DOES NOT HAVE TO WORK AS HARD TO MATURE WHEAT AND OATS AS COMPARED TO CORN AND SOYBEANS; THIS IS JUST GOOD FARMING PRACTICE."

SMITH ADDS THAT USE OF HERBICIDES WAS LESS THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS, DUE TO THE BUILDUP FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. "IF THE COST OF HERBICIDE BECOMES PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE, WE WILL JUST HAVE TO CULTIVATE MORE."

ZAWODNY NOTES THAT THE HOG OPERATION IS IMPORTANT, SINCE THE COLLEGE MARKETS BETWEEN 1000 AND 1200 HOGS EACH YEAR. "THIS PAST SPRING 70 SOWS WERE FARROWED AND THIS FALL WE HAVE 80 SOWS TO FARROW," HE EXPLAINS.

HOG BARNS ARE LOCATED EAST OF DREXEL HALL, AND THERE IS AN APPROXIMATE 30-ACRE FIELD OF HAY ON WHICH THE HOGS RUN. AFTER THIS HAY IS BALED, SOME OF IT IS SOLD FROM THE FIELD AND THE REST IS PUT IN THE BARN FOR LATER SALE.

GRAIN FARMING AND THE HOG OPERATION PROVIDE PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

*Making Cement Posts.*



Not only was the food, including meat, processed in campus facilities, but many other items were likewise "home-made," for example, the attractive white cement posts that were used to fence in the college fields.



SUBJECT: GEORGE SHUSTER MANAGES COLLEGE STOCK FARM FOR 45 YEARS

RENSSELAER, IND. — LONG HOURS OF HARD WORK USUALLY DON'T GO UNREWARDED AND FOR GEORGE SHUSTER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MORE THAN 45 YEARS OF SUCH WORK HAS INDEED BROUGHT ITS REWARDS.

ON A CAMPUS DOMINATED BY A SERIES OF PROMINENT ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY AND STUDENT LEADERS, IT IS NOT HARD TO BE ANONYMOUS. AND, OVER THESE 45 YEARS, SHUSTER'S WORK HAS BEEN UNKNOWN BY THE MAJORITY OF THE COLLEGE FAMILY BUT WIDELY APPRECIATED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO KNOW HIM AND EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T.

TO THE UNINITIATED, SHUSTER IS MANAGER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S STOCK FARM AND HE IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE COUNTLESS STUDENTS AND CAMPUS VISITORS IN EARLIER YEARS COULD THANK WHEN THEY ENJOYED A PARTICULARLY APPETIZING PIECE OF MEAT IN THE SCHOOL'S DINING ROOM. DURING RECENT YEARS, THE COLLEGE HAS HIRED A FOOD SERVICE WHICH PURCHASES AND SERVES ALMOST ALL OF THE FOOD SERVED ON CAMPUS.

PRIOR TO THE MODERN AGE OF STREAMLINED FOOD SERVICE, SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS SELF-SUPPORTING IN FOOD PROVISION AND MUCH OF THE WORK LOAD WAS CAPABLY HANDLED BY SHUSTER.

HE CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S JAN. 23, 1929, TO WORK WITH THE LIVESTOCK THAT SUPPLIED THE MEAT FOR THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY. HE RECALLS, "THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 75 HOGS, 30 CATTLE AND 300 CHICKENS WHEN I CAME TO THE COLLEGE 45 YEARS AGO.

"AT THAT TIME THERE WERE AROUND 350 SEMINARIAN AND SECULAR STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL. IT WAS MY JOB TO SEE THAT BEEF, PORK, CHICKEN AND EGGS WERE AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED; QUITE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR A 20½-YEAR-OLD YOUTH," HE QUIPS.

CATTLE WERE PURCHASED BY THE CARLOAD IN CHICAGO, BROUGHT BACK TO THE FEEDING PENS AND FATTENED. THERE WERE NO COOLING FACILITIES SO THE BEEF HAD TO BE BUTCHERED

OFTEN, USUALLY THREE OR FOUR A WEEK.

DURING THE WINTER, 20 HEAD OF HOGS WERE BUTCHERED EACH WEEK AND TAKEN TO THE SJC KITCHENS WHERE THE NUNS WOULD CURE THE HAMS AND BACON, MAKE SAUSAGE AND CAN IT, THEN RENDER THE LARD.

"ALL OUR CHORES WERE DONE WITH A WAGON PULLED BY ONE HORSE AND A MULE. WHEN THE COLLEGE 'FAMILY' GREW BIGGER, A LOCKER PLANT WAS OPENED IN TOWN," SAYS SHUSTER. "WE BUTCHERED THREE OR FOUR DEEFS EACH WEEK AND SENT THEM TO THE LOCKER PLANT FOR COOLING. AS ONE WAS USED FROM THE COOLER WE WOULD BUTCHER ANOTHER TO TAKE ITS PLACE. WE AVERAGED 65 CATTLE EACH YEAR. WE RAISED 5,000 CHICKENS EACH YEAR AND AVERAGED 150-200 CHICKENS PER WEEK TO THE LOCKER. WE ALSO RAISED TURKEYS, WORKING UP TO 1200 PER YEAR."

TWO OR THREE TRIPS EACH NIGHT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE SURE THAT THE BROODER STOVES WERE BURNING PROPERLY AND NOT GETTING TOO HOT OR TOO COLD. AFTER THE POULTS WERE TURNED OUT, THEN IT NECESSITATED SEVERAL TRIPS EACH NIGHT TO SEE THAT WEASELS, COON, FOX OR DOGS WERE NOT KILLING THEM, HE EXPLAINS.

SHUSTER HAS WITNESSED MANY CHANGES IN THE COLLEGE FARMS. "YES, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH THE YEARS. DURING THE TIME WE WERE DOING EXTENSIVE BUTCHERING, THE HOGS WERE WANTED AT 275-300 POUND WEIGHT, BUT NOW THERE IS NO DEMAND FOR 'FAT' HOGS AND WE RAISE THEM FOR MARKET AT AS NEAR 200 POUNDS AS POSSIBLE," HE SAYS.

THE FACILITIES USED FOR BUTCHERING HOGS AND TURKEYS WERE CERTAINLY NOT THE MOST UPDATED, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO SCALDING THE HOGS TO REMOVE THE HAIR FROM THE SKIN AND THE TURKEYS FOR REMOVAL OF THE FEATHERS. AN OLD BATHTUB WAS PLACED OVER A PIT IN WHICH A FIRE WOULD BE BUILT, USING SCRAP WOOD AND CHUNKS OF TREE LIMBS OR SIMILAR MATERIALS. IT TOOK ABOUT HALF AN HOUR TO GET THE WATER HOT ENOUGH FOR SCALDING, THEN THE FIRE HAD TO BE CONSTANTLY TENDED.

"AS TO REWARDS--THERE IS THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING YOU HAVE DONE THE BEST



JOB YOU POSSIBLY COULD; ALSO I FELT HAPPY IF I COULD MAKE A DOLLAR FOR THE COLLEGE-- IT WAS JUST LIKE MAKING ONE FOR MYSELF," SHUSTER STRESSES.

"WHEN WORLD WAR II CAME; THE DRAFT TOOK ALL THE WORKING MEN FROM THE COLLEGE EXCEPT ME. FATHER JOHN SCHOEN, THEN PROCURATOR OF THE COLLEGE, ASKED IF I WOULD STAY ON IF HE SIGNED FOR MY DEFERMENTS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET MEAT ANYWHERE. I WAS NEEDED HERE SO I AGREED. AND WE STOPPED BUTCHERING IN 1945."

TURKEYS AND CHICKENS WERE RAISED THROUGH 1971 WHEN THE FIRST FOOD SERVICE COMPANY TOOK OVER THE SUPPLYING OF SAINT JOSEPH'S DAILY MEALS.

"WE HAD QUITE AN OUTSIDE TURKEY TRADE BUILT UP, TOO. WE NEVER ADVERTISED, BUT APPROXIMATELY 100 TURKEYS WOULD BE SOLD EACH YEAR TO PEOPLE IN TOWN, 100 TO THE CALUMET CAMPUS, AND OTHERS TO CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS WHO WOULD BE HAVING DINNERS AROUND THE HOLIDAYS," SHUSTER SAYS.

EVEN THOUGH THE CATTLE, TURKEYS, AND CHICKENS ARE GONE NOW, MANY NIGHTLY TRIPS ARE STILL NECESSARY WHEN THE SOWS ARE FARROWING. "WE STILL HAVE 75 SOWS THAT PRODUCE AROUND 1200 HOGS FOR MARKET EACH YEAR," SHUSTER SAYS PROUDLY.

THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED EACH DAY MEAN NOTHING TO SHUSTER. IN FACT, THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY IS UNHEARD OF. "I WAS RAISED TO KEEP WORKING UNTIL THE JOB WAS DONE, AND I HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT; I STILL AVERAGE 60 HOURS A WEEK, AT LEAST."

HE MARRIED THE FORMER BERTHA REUTEDUCH OF PULASKI COUNTY ON JUNE 30, 1939. MRS. SHUSTER RETIRED FROM SCHOOL TEACHING THIS YEAR AFTER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE.

TO A MAN OF GEORGE SHUSTER'S CALIBRE, RETIREMENT IS UNTHINKABLE--HE'S A TRULY DEDICATED INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVES AND PRACTICES THE WORK ETHIC WHICH HAS MADE AMERICAN FARMING GREAT.

SUBJECT: DICK WINTER RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS OF COLLEGE FARM SERVICE

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, Ind. -- Standing in a small office amidst farm buildings immediately west of Saint Joseph's College, farm manager Dick Winter stuffs his hands into his coveralls and summarizes "the college has treated me real well and I've really enjoyed working here."

Except for a four-year interruption during World War II, Winter has worked on and managed the college farms for the past 38 years. Now, at the age of 60, this friendly native of Star City, Ind., is retiring from his college chores and moving to Arizona come Aug. 1.

In the years since Winter came to Saint Joseph's on Mar. 1, 1936, he has won many friends, experienced mixed degrees of success in farming the fertile college property, and above all held true to the credo of the American farmer: hard work and long hours.

Winter originally worked in a factory at Monticello, then farmed near Pulaski, Ind., before joining the college work force. "Brother Tony, then Brother Leonard managed the college farms when I first came here," he recalls. "I was named manager of the farms in the fall of 1937 and have worked here since then except for the time between October, 1942 and January, 1946, when I was in the U. S. Army."

Now working under Father Paul Wellman, for whom he holds highest regard, Winter and his small staff use better than \$100,000 worth of farm machinery to continue the productivity of the school's 1,000 acres.



"This is a year-around business," Winter explains. "The cycle starts with planting in the spring, although a successful planting season presumes that you have properly repaired your machinery during the winter. This past spring, I did most of the planting on the college's 1,000 acres; we have planted corn, wheat, oats, soybeans and hay—corn is the dominant product of this group."

Many years ago, Saint Joseph's raised its own food, but in later years the school's use of a food service has changed the role of the college farms. "In general, the change has been from grass farming to grain farming," he notes.

Thirty-eight years of service makes Winter a real veteran on the college farms, but he's quick to give plenty of credit to the assistance of his staff. Harold Smith has served the farms for 28 years, Addison Taylor is another staff member and Winter's sons, Michael and Henry, also have served. Many college students have worked part-time on the farms during recent years.

Henry majored in history and graduated from Saint Joseph's in 1971; he is now attending the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Three of Winter's daughters—Kathy, Nancy and Mary—all have worked in the college library. Mary, currently a senior at Rensselaer Central High School, has worked there since January, 1972.

To complete the circle of dedication to Saint Joseph's, Winter's wife, Lucille, taught at the college as an instructor and assistant professor during 1961-63.

"This college ground is great to grow things on; the ground is very fertile and productive," Winter reports. "And this is a fine place to live. I originally lived on campus, but now for the past 22 years I've lived immediately west of the school."

During these years, he has watched many students come and go, while the college itself has gone through periods of inevitable change. "The college has always been a warm and friendly place, and although it has grown and life is paced more quickly now, the students as a whole have been a very good group," he recalls.

Upon retirement, Winter will move to an area located six miles east of Mesa, Ariz., which is known as the "Valley of the Sun." Preparations for his move have been carefully planned, as he already has a home built there.

"I don't expect to be fully retired; let's just say I'll be semi-retired," Winter says. "I hope to find a job there and I'm looking forward to the move."



SUBJECT: FATHER ESSER, SEVENTH SJC PRESIDENT, HOLDS TEACHING RECORD

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- FATHER RUFUS ESSER, THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HOLDS TWO RECORDS AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE MEASURING STICK OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE.

HIS PRESIDENCY, WHICH STARTED FEB. 1, 1937, RAN JUST FOUR MONTHS--THE SHORTEST TERM AMONG THE SCHOOL'S 13 PRESIDENTS. BUT AS A TEACHER, THE FALL SEMESTER OF 1974 SAW HIM START HIS 50TH YEAR ON THE FACULTY--A MARK EQUALLED BY NO OTHER PROFESSOR IN SAINT JOSEPH'S HISTORY.

CONSEQUENTLY, FATHER ESSER IS NOW BEST KNOWN AND PROBABLY WILL BE LONG BEST REMEMBERED FOR HIS RECORD-SETTING SERVICE TO SAINT JOSEPH'S IN A VARIETY OF CAPACITIES OTHER THAN THE PRESIDENCY.

A NATIVE OF COLE CAMP, MO., HE FIRST CAME TO THE COLLEGE IN 1914 FOR FIVE YEARS OF STUDY, DURING WHICH HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN SPORTS, ESPECIALLY IN TENNIS AND AS A CATCHER IN BASEBALL.

HIS WORK ASSIGNMENT WAS THE LIBRARY (LOCATED ABOVE THE MUSIC SECTION IN SCIENCE HALL), WHICH INCLUDED BOTH THE USUAL WORK HOURS PLUS FREE TIME. IN FACT, SO DEMANDING WAS HIS WORK THAT IN HIS LAST YEAR HE HAD TO DO ALMOST ALL HIS CLASS PREPARATION WHILE SERVING AT THE LIBRARY CIRCULATION DESK.

AFTER COMPLETING HIS STUDIES AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, HE STUDIED FURTHER AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY, WHERE HE WAS ORDAINED IN MAY OF 1925. HE RETURNED TO SJC AS A TEACHER FOR ONE YEAR IN THE FALL OF 1925, THEN SPENT THE 1926-27 SCHOOL YEAR AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (WASHINGTON, D.C.) WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER'S

DEGREE IN EDUCATION.

IN ADDITION TO HIS SUBSEQUENT TEACHING DUTIES AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, FATHER ESSER SERVED AS LIBRARIAN (1928-33), PREFECT OF DISCIPLINE (1931-36), SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD (1934-36) AND DEAN OF STUDIES (1936-37). IN THIS LATTER POST, HIS JOB WAS A VITAL ONE: PLOTTING THE NECESSARY CURRICULUM CHANGES AS THE SCHOOL MADE ITS TRANSITION INTO A SENIOR COLLEGE.

THUS IT WAS NATURAL THAT HE BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PRESIDENCY UPON FATHER KENKEL'S END OF TERM.

FATHER ESSER'S APPOINTMENT CAME UNEXPECTEDLY, IN MID-JANUARY, 1937. SUDDEN APPOINTMENTS, HOWEVER, IN THE SENSE OF LITTLE CONSULTATION IN ADVANCE WERE STILL NORMAL PROCEDURES IN THOSE DAYS.

ILLNESS SHORTENED HIS PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER, AND THE ILLNESS MAY HAVE BEEN HASTENED BY HIS CRUSH OF DUTIES: THE PRESIDENCY ITSELF, CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY AS DEAN OF STUDIES, PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL (A POST HE ALREADY HELD) AND RELIGIOUS SUPERIOR.

HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL, FATHER ESSER WAS REPLACED IN JUNE BY A NEW PRESIDENT, FATHER CYRIL KNUE. AFTER A SUMMER OF RECUPERATION, HOWEVER, FATHER ESSER FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF FATHER KENKEL IN RETURNING TO SJC.

HE REASSUMED DUTIES ON THE FACULTY AND AS HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN THE FALL OF 1937, AND IN YEARS THEREAFTER HELD IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. HE WAS SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD (1943-45), SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE (1945-47), VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE (1947-50) AND SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (1949-65).

FATHER ESSER'S RECORD OF COLLEGE SERVICE STANDS AS A PERMANENT EXAMPLE OF DEDICATION AND LOYALTY TO ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE COLLEGE PERSONNEL.

Rev. Rufus Esser





SUBJECT: FATHER KNUE, EIGHTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT, SUPERVISED DREXEL RENOVATION

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- FATHER RUFUS ESSER STEPPED DOWN AS SAINT JOSEPH'S PRESIDENT IN JUNE OF 1937 AFTER JUST FOUR MONTHS IN OFFICE AND HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY FATHER CYRIL KNUE, THE FIRST NATIVE HOOSIER TO DIRECT THE GROWING COLLEGE.

IF FATHER ESSER'S TERM SEEMED EXTREMELY BRIEF, HIS SUCCESSOR WAS ALSO DESTINED FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT PRESIDENCY, SPANNING ONE YEAR UNTIL JUNE, 1938. YET, FATHER KNUE WITNESSED TWO LANDMARK DEVELOPMENTS: THE REMODELING OF DREXEL HALL AND THE GRADUATION OF SAINT JOSEPH'S FIRST FOUR-YEAR SENIOR CLASS.

BORN IN AURORA, IND., FATHER KNUE ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT SAINT JOSEPH'S SEPT. 5, 1915, AND COMPLETED HIS STUDIES AT COLLEGEVILLE IN 1918. ORDAINED AT CARTHAGENA JUNE 1, 1924, HE ENTERED THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA (WASHINGTON, D.C.) TO STUDY CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS.

FATHER KNUE EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN 1926 AND THAT FALL JOINED THE COLLEGE FACULTY WHERE HE TAUGHT FOR TEN YEARS WHILE ADDING TO HIS EXPERIENCE WITH SUMMER COURSES AT FIVE UNIVERSITIES.

SOON AFTER HE ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY, DREXEL HALL WAS REMODELED TO PROVIDE SEMI-PRIVATE ROOMS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME. STUDENTS MOVED IN ON NOV. 7, 1937, WHEN THE BUILDING WAS "CHRISTENED" DREXEL HALL IN HONOR OF THE LADY WHO CONTRIBUTED THE FUNDS TO BUILD IT AS AN INDIAN SCHOOL IN 1888.

FROM THE TIME THE INDIAN PUPILS LEFT IN THE SUMMER OF 1896 UNTIL 1922, DREXEL HALL HAD BEEN USED AS A C.P.P.S. MISSION HOUSE AND THE HOME OF THE MESSENGER PRESS (NOW LOCATED AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN CARTHAGENA, OHIO).

FROM 1922-37, HOWEVER, THE BUILDING STOOD LARGELY ABANDONED, EXCEPT TO STORE GRAIN AND FEED FOR THE FARM THERE.

DREXEL HALL WITNESSED ANOTHER HISTORIC DATE OCT. 5, 1971, WHEN IT WAS NAMED AN OFFICIAL HISTORICAL SITE BY THE INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, IN VIEW OF ITS ROLE AS THE INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL DURING 1888-96. A STATE HISTORICAL MARKER ON U.S. 231 NEAR THE COLLEGE'S MAIN ENTRANCE EXPLAINS DREXEL'S HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE.

FATHER KNUE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT ON ANOTHER MEMORABLE DAY—JUNE 6, 1938. AT THIS TIME THE FIRST SENIOR COLLEGE CLASS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS GRADUATED, ALL NINE OF THEM.

AFTER LEAVING THE PRESIDENCY, FATHER KNUE SPENT ONE YEAR AS PROCURATOR AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY, THEN ON AUG. 26, 1939, HE WAS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN PROVINCE TO THE GENERAL CURIA OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN ROME.

DUE TO POLITICAL CONDITIONS THERE HIS STAY WAS CUT SHORT AND HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN MAY, 1940. AFTER BRIEF PAROCHIAL WORK, HE RETURNED TO SAINT JOSEPH'S FACULTY IN SEPTEMBER, 1941.

HE SOON DEVELOPED A SEVERE HEART AILMENT, HOWEVER, AND DIED FEB. 1, 1943.

Rev. Cyril Knue





SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S GREW IN MANY WAYS UNDER FATHER ALOYS DIRKSEN

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- SAINT JOSEPH'S GROWTH CAN BE MEASURED IN MANY WAYS, AND DURING THE 1938-44 PRESIDENCY OF FATHER ALOYS DIRKSEN, THE SCHOOL WITNESSED SIX OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE YEARS IN ITS HISTORY.

HEADING THE LIST OF MILESTONES WERE COMPLETION OF AN AMBITIOUS BUILDING PLAN, DEVELOPMENT OF A WIDELY-RECOGNIZED SPORTS PROGRAM, ADMISSION OF THE FIRST NON-CATHOLIC DAY STUDENTS, GROWTH IN CAMPUS PUBLICATIONS AND REACHING OF ALL-TIME HIGHS IN ENROLLMENT AND FACULTY.

A NATIVE OF EGYPT, OHIO, FATHER DIRKSEN'S FATHER, FRANK, WAS A MEMBER OF THE OPENING CLASS OF STUDENTS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S IN 1891. FATHER DIRKSEN ENTERED THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN 1913 AND STUDIED AT SJC DURING 1914-20. ORDAINED SIX YEARS LATER, HE TAUGHT AT COLLEGEVILLE ONE YEAR BEFORE ENTERING CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN 1927 TO EARN A DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN SACRED THEOLOGY.

FATHER DIRKSEN TAUGHT SACRED SCRIPTURE AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN CARTHAGENA, OHIO, DURING 1931-38 BEFORE ASSUMING SAINT JOSEPH'S PRESIDENCY. AN AGGRESSIVE, OUTSPOKEN PERSON, FATHER DIRKSEN MOVED THE SCHOOL'S EXPANSION PROGRAM INTO HIGH GEAR, AIDED BY SOLID BACKING FROM THE SOCIETY'S PROVINCIAL, FATHER JOSEPH MARLING (LATER BISHOP MARLING).

MOST APPARENT IN SAINT JOSEPH'S EXPANSION WAS THE BUILDING PROGRAM, STARTING WITH SEIFERT HALL--BEGUN IN THE SUMMER OF 1939 AND DEDICATED OCT. 29, 1939.

IN 1940, THREE MORE BUILDINGS WERE STARTED: THE FIELDHOUSE, XAVIER HALL AND MERLINI (THEN CALLED NOLL) HALL.

SUCH NEW CONSTRUCTION MEANT A SIZEABLE DEBT, UNDERWRITTEN BY THE SOCIETY. BUT THE C,PP,S. HOPED THAT RISING ENROLLMENTS IN TWO OR THREE YEARS WOULD HELP LIQUIDATE THIS.

OVERALL, THE EXPANSION CALLED FOR FACILITIES FOR 380 COLLEGE STUDENTS, 125 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND 85 SOCIETY STUDENTS. MEANWHILE, A WHITE FRAME BUILDING STANDING WHERE MERLINI HALL NOW DOES CAME DOWN--IT DATED BACK TO THE TIME OF THE ORPHANAGE BEFORE THE COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED.

XAVIER HALL WAS RESERVED FOR SEMINARIANS, HELPING TO MEET A DESIRE THAT SOCIETY SEMINARIANS BE SEGREGATED FROM THE OTHER STUDENTS. FATHER DIRKSEN, IN FACT, HAD HOPED THAT XAVIER COULD HAVE BEEN MADE LARGER TO SERVE AS A COMMUNITY HOUSE LIKE SCHWIETERMAN DOES TODAY--HOUSING PRIESTS, BROTHERS AND SOCIETY STUDENTS.

REMOVAL OF THE SEMINARIANS FROM THE AD BUILDING ALLOWED MORE ROOM FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, WHICH WAS HOUSED THERE. THE COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE TO OCCUPY SEIFERT, DREXEL, MERLINI AND GASPAR, WHILE THE PRIEST FACULTY MOVED FROM GASPAR TO THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE AD BUILDING.

SCIENCE HALL'S SOUTH END BECAME THE SITE OF THE LIBRARY, WHERE IT WAS RELOCATED FROM THIRD FLOOR NORTH SCIENCE HALL TO ESCAPE MUSIC DISTURBANCES. A NEW AC CURRENT ELECTRIC GENERATOR WAS INSTALLED IN THE POWERHOUSE TO GENERATE SJC'S ELECTRICITY; IT REPLACED THE DC GENERATOR OPERATIVE THERE SINCE 1923.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT WAS IMPROVING DURING THESE FACILITY CHANGES, AND ON APR. 30, 1941, BISHOP NOLL WAS PRESENT TO BLESS MERLINI HALL ("NOLL HALL" THEN) AND XAVIER. THE COLLEGE OBSERVED ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE IN JUNE, 1941, AND THE FIELDHOUSE WAS DEDICATED DEC. 8, 1941, THE DAY AFTER PEARL HARBOR WAS BOMBED.



IN ADDITION TO BUILDING, FATHER DIRKSEN ADVANCED THE COLLEGE ON OTHER FRONTS. IN ATHLETICS, JOSEPH DIENHART WAS HIRED AS A COACH IN THE SUMMER OF 1938 AND UNPRECEDENTED FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL SUCCESS FOLLOWING DURING 1938-42.

NON-CATHOLIC DAY STUDENTS WERE FIRST ADMITTED JAN. 3, 1939, A MAJOR CHANGE IN LIGHT OF EMPHASIS ON SJC BEING AN "EXCLUSIVELY CATHOLIC" SCHOOL. CAMPUS PUBLICATIONS WERE EXPANDED WITH THE START OF THE ALUMNI NEWSPAPER CONTACT UNDER FATHER SYLVESTER LEY ON MAR. 1, 1939, THEN IN 1941 THE FIRST ISSUE OF PHASE, THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK, WAS PUBLISHED.

MOREOVER, BY SEPTEMBER, 1941, THE ENROLLMENT HAD REACHED A NEW HIGH OF 456 AND THE FACULTY WAS THE LARGEST EVER, 51.

BUT THEN CAME WORLD WAR II, AND ITS IMPACT WAS READILY FELT AT THE COLLEGE. IN 1942, THE FIRST SUMMER TERM WAS ANNOUNCED, A PROGRAM THAT ALLOWED NOT ONLY THE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO GRADUATE IN THREE YEARS, BUT ALSO ADMITTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR SENIOR YEAR.

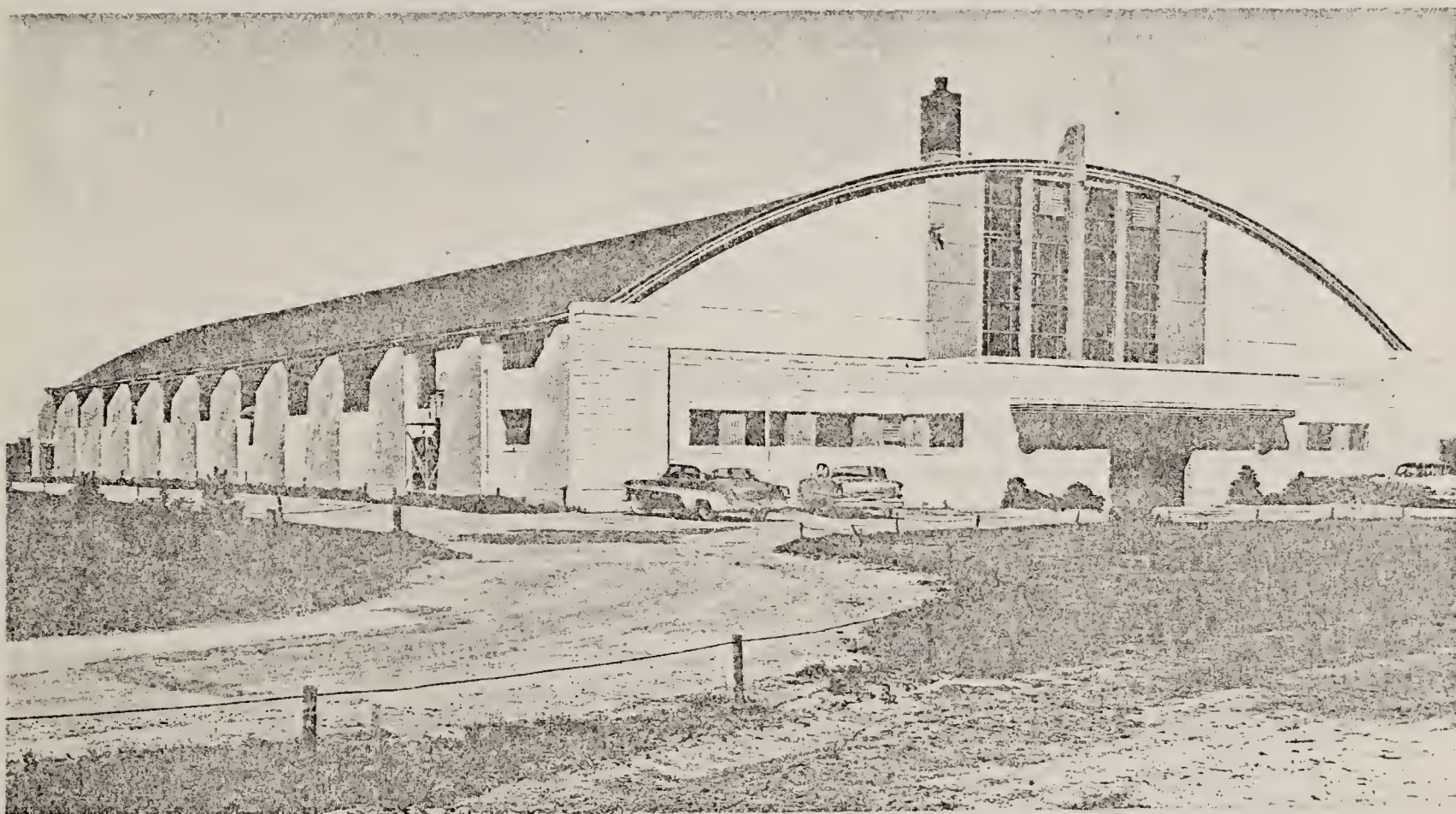
DUE TO THE WAR, ENROLLMENT SUFFERED WITH STUDENT POPULATION DOWN TO 92 (INCLUDING 42 SEMINARIANS) BY THE FALL OF 1943. THE NEW CLASS OF 22 LAY FRESHMEN COMPARED WITH 200 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

A HIGHLY-RESPECTED SCHOLAR, FATHER DIRKSEN RETIRED FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S ON MAY 21, 1944, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAUGHT ON THE NOTRE DAME THEOLOGICAL FACULTY (1947-50) AND AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY (1950-56). MEANWHILE HE PUBLISHED HIS LIFE OF CHRIST IN 1952, THEN PUBLISHED ELEMENTARY PATROLOGY IN 1959.

DURING 1960-63 HE WAS BACK AT SAINT JOSEPH'S AS A MEMBER OF THE THEOLOGY FACULTY. FROM JANUARY, 1965, UNTIL INCAPACITATED BY POOR HEALTH, HE TAUGHT AT MOUNT SAINT MARY OF THE WEST SEMINARY IN CINCINNATI. HE DIED ON CHRISTMAS DAY, 1967.



Rev. Aloys Dirksen



Of the four major buildings erected between 1939 and 1941, the Fieldhouse surely was the most significant, not only in terms of size, but a new era in college varsity sports fittingly symbolized by it. It is the one college building that can accommodate the entire student body in one convocation, and so has been used not only for sport events, but also for concerts and graduation exercises.



SUBJECT: PASSING YEARS CHANGE IMPORTANCE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S  
LIBRARY

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, Ind. -- Saint Joseph's library today ranks as a superior small-college library, central to the school's academic life. But it has not always been this way.

During the early brick-and-mortar days of Father Augustine Seifert, the first college president, the library was so insignificant that it was not even mentioned in the annual college catalog.

In the late 1890's and early 1900's, a room on the second floor of the Administration Building contained a few books, and some reference books were available in the two study halls. The principle prevailed that a student's education consisted in mastering his textbooks, while reading in the library was strictly extracurricular, done for pleasure or personal improvement.

A major avenue to library books was through the several student literary societies--the Columbian Literary Society, for example, had a shelf of 120 books available to them. Eventually, this collection expanded to 1200 books plus subscriptions to 22 periodicals and newspapers.

A formal college library was born in 1915, thanks to two factors: 1. The awareness, usually attributed to Father Ignatius Wagner, of the need of a library to enhance the college's image and pave the way for its accreditation, and 2. The erection of Science Hall, over the ashes of the "old gym" which burned down in 1914, provided space for a formal library.

Several collections of books totalling about 10,000 volumes were brought into one place on the third floor of Science Hall above the music department, where 4,000 square feet of floor space were divided between a reading room and a stack room. Father Alexander Linneman directed the facility until 1929, and the library remained here until 1940, by which time its holdings had increased to 20,000 volumes.

Not only in location but in function, too, the library remained largely an addition to college academic life rather than a vital part of it. Students were seldom urged by teachers to use the library in their course work, and it was a place visited only in "free time."

Genuine growth of the library was occasioned by the decision in 1935 to expand Saint Joseph's into a four-year college. The shortcomings of the library were evident: it was located in a remote spot above a "noisy" music department, and its holdings and services were quite limited.

In 1940, the library was moved from above the music depart-



ment to the southeast corner of Science Hall, with the entrance from the south side of the building. Father Clarence Schuerman, the first to hold a degree in library science, became library director in 1941 and his most noted accomplishment came in 1946, when the library area was virtually doubled by converting the old gymnasium beneath the auditorium into two floors of library space and the new entrance was made from the east side of the building.

Library space was thus increased to 18,000 square feet, sufficient to seat 200 students and accommodate 100,000 volumes. Under Father Schuerman's direction during 1941-52, library holdings increased from 20,000 to 52,000 volumes and subscriptions jumped from 100 to 350 journals. Under Father Charles Banet's management (1952-65), volumes grew to 100,000 and periodical subscriptions increased to 1,000.

Library growth has continued during the past decade under the guidance of Father James McCabe (1965-71), James Buck (1971-75) and now Bob Vigeant. Holdings have increased to 180,000 volumes although some cutbacks have been made in subscriptions to journals.

Library history thus has evolved in three distinct stages: 1. 1891-1914, when there was no library, just scattered collections of books and periodicals; 2. 1915-40, when the library, located above the music department, was still "extracurricular"

and 3. 1941 to the present, wherein its current location, the library and its many services has moved into the mainstream of college academic life.

Added services include an audio-visual section, a micro-film and microfiche collection, and inter-library loan services. In the last ten years, the entire book collection has been re-catalogued from the Dewey Decimal System (introduced at SJC in 1915) to the Library of Congress System. The library currently occupies all the space on the bottom two floors of Science Hall from the south to the north end of the building.



The library reading room, 1915-1940, above the music department in Science Hall.



SUBJECT: XAVIER HALL RECALLS YEARS OF SEMINARIAN SEGREGATION  
AT SJC

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, Ind. -- Xavier Hall represents an administration building to current Saint Joseph's College students, but to a majority of Collegeville alumni, the building is recalled as the exclusive quarters of seminarians of the Society of the Precious Blood.

Moreover, the building recalls a tradition that has ended only recently--the segregation of C.P.P.S. seminarians from the other college students. Such segregation had existed from the college's earliest days (except during 1925-36), even when many of the lay students had been diocesan seminarians.

However, when the college became a senior college in the late 1930's, this segregation became more imperative and so in 1941, Xavier Hall was built. Here the seminarians (called "mongies" -- a nickname possibly derived from "monks") could be under the watchful eye of two resident priests, a "rector" and his assistant.

Xavier Hall contained a recreation room and lockers in the basement, while other floors held one classroom, two study halls, one reading room and two dormitory rooms. The seminarians lived on the periphery of the college, seen by lay students only in the chapel, occasionally in the classroom and less visibly in the band, orchestra and at college events.

Seminarians were, for the most part, superior students, and it wasn't uncommon for many lay students to bemoan their pre-

sence in classes, where the "mongies" were reputedly curve breakers -- those who picked off the few A's and B's in many courses.

Segregation was established so that seminarians could cultivate habits and attitudes that would identify them with the priesthood and the Society they were to enter. In addition, their discipline was more severe in terms of chapel exercises, less town permissions, supervised study hours, mail censorship and even studies.

From 9 p.m. until after breakfast the following morning, the great silence prevailed. Talking was forbidden, as were any sources of noise, such as radios and in later years, television.

Most visible of all signs of segregation was the prescribed wearing of the cassock, except at work and recreation. Seminarians also were required to work on the farm and campus a set number of hours each week and for most of the summer to pay for their tuition and board. They also were excluded from most campus clubs, including varsity sports and the Student Association.

This "monastic" life ended in the 1960's when SJC seminarians were integrated into the rest of the student body. The Second Vatican Council had advised that student seminarians could benefit from more exposure to the world around them, and this may have been a key contributing cause to the end of segregation.

Xavier Hall continued as the seminarians' residence until the fall of 1972 when they were moved into Schwieterman Hall to permit repairs to be made in Xavier. The seminarians were scheduled to return to Xavier following the repairs, but the Administration Building fire of February, 1973, changed this.



Administrative offices were relocated in Xavier Hall and the seminarians remained in Schwieterman Hall--a change that appears now to be permanent.

Seminarian population has declined markedly since the 1940's and 1950's, when enrollment was often around 70. Currently, there are 15 seminarians on campus.



One of the three classes of seminarians living in Xavier Hall in 1945.



Xavier Hall club room in 1941.

SUBJECT: SJC ATHLETIC HISTORY--80 YEARS OF EXTRACURRICULAR ENJOYMENT

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- MUCH LIKE HISTORY ITSELF, THE RECORD OF ATHLETICS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS, PLUS JOYS AND SORROWS, ALL FORTUNATELY ADDING UP TO A FRUITFUL EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE FOR PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS FOR MORE THAN 80 YEARS.

MANY SPORTS HAVE HELD CENTER STAGE ON THE CAMPUS THROUGH THE YEARS, UNDERSCORING THE POINT THAT THE "BIG THREE" OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL HAVE NOT ALWAYS DOMINATED THE SCENE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TURNERS-- A GROUP OF PERFORMING GYMNASTS, WERE THE TOP ATTRACTION OF THE EARLY 1900'S.

SINCE WORLD WAR II, VARIOUS SPORTS HAVE COME AND GONE, DEPENDING ON STUDENT INTEREST: TENNIS, BOWLING, AND TRACK AND FIELD, FOR EXAMPLE. THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR SEES THE SPORTS PROGRAM AGAIN GROWING WITH THE "BIG THREE" PLUS WRESTLING AND GOLF JUST RECENTLY JOINED BY WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL.

WINNING AND LOSING HAS BEEN LARGELY A HILL-AND-DALE EXPERIENCE. RECORDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN ALL SPORTS, BUT SINCE THE LATE 1800'S, BASEBALL TEAMS HAVE WON JUST OVER 60 PERCENT OF THEIR GAMES, BASKETBALL FOLLOWS WITH A .522 PERCENTAGE AND FOOTBALL STANDS AT .449.

SUCH RECORDS, HOWEVER, MUST SHARE THE HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT WITH THE ATHLETES AND COACHES WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES AT COLLEGEVILLE.

IN TERMS OF LONGEVITY AND IMPORT OF SERVICE, THREE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS



HEAD THE LIST: FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER DURING 1911-25, FATHER EDWARD ROOF DURING 1937-54, AND RICHARD SCHARF, WHO HAS SERVED THE COLLEGE SINCE 1940, INCLUDING THE LAST 15 AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

ALL THREE ADMINISTERED THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM WITH ECONOMY AND FORESIGHT, AND AS HIGH-PRINCIPLED GENTLEMEN, THEY HAVE WON FOR THEMSELVES AND THE COLLEGE A MUCH-DESERVED RESPECT.

MINOR SPORTS RECORDS AND PLAYERS ARE NOT CLEARLY DOCUMENTED IN COLLEGE ANNALS, BUT THE OUTLINE OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL IS CLEAR. FATHER SCHEIDLER'S TEAMS STARTED THE WINNING TRADITION ON THE DIAMOND; IN FACT, HIS TEAMS DURING 1911-19 NEVER LOST MORE THAN SIX GAMES IN ANY ONE SEASON.

LED BY SLUGGING OUTFIELDER BOB WASNI, THE 1954 PUMAS OF COACH JIM BEANE COPPED THE INDIANA COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE TITLE, ROLLED TO A 14-2 SEASON (HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE IN THE MODERN ERA), AND BEANE WAS NAMED ICC COACH-OF-THE-YEAR.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF RELATIVE SUCCESS FOLLOWED, THEN THE 1975 CLUB OF GEORGE POST WON A RECORD 27 GAMES, INCLUDING A RECORD TEN IN A ROW, AND ADVANCED TO THE NCAA TOURNEY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE HISTORY. MOREOVER, POST THIS SPRING BECAME THE ALL-TIME LEADER IN BASEBALL COACHING WINS WITH 117 TO HIS CREDIT.

FATHER SCHEIDLER AGAIN ENTERS THE PICTURE IN BASKETBALL, WHERE DURING 1911-25 HIS TEAMS WON 111 GAMES AND HE COMPILED THE HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE AMONG ALL SJC HARDWOOD COACHES, A NIFTY .672 RATING. MOREOVER, HIS TEAMS ONCE WON 21 STRAIGHT GAMES, A RECORD THAT STANDS YET TODAY.

WHILE FATHER SCHEIDLER LED THE BASKETBALL COACHES OF THE EARLY ERA, JOE DIENHART AND JIM HOLSTEIN HIGHLIGHT THE MODERN ERA. DIENHART BROUGHT STAND-OUT CAGERS LIKE NEAL MOSSER AND BERNIE HOFFMAN TO COLLEGEVILLE, AND OBSERVERS

WHO HAVE FOLLOWED PUMA BASKETBALL SINCE THE LATE THIRTIES POINT OUT THAT NO PUMA COACH IS THE EQUAL OF DIENHART.

HOLSTEIN COACHED MORE WINS--133--THAN ANY HARDWOOD LEADER IN SJC HISTORY, AND HIS 1969-70 TEAM ROLLED TO A 21-6 RECORD WHILE WINNING AN ICC TITLE AND SETTING A MODERN-ERA RECORD FOR THE HIGHEST SINGLE-SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

AND HOLSTEIN BROUGHT TO THE CAMPUS FROM PUERTO RICO ALL-AMERICAN JIM THORDSEN, THE JUMPING JACK CENTER WHO WON THREE ICC MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS AND LED THE 1973-74 TEAM TO AN NCAA REGIONAL TITLE, MATCHING THE FIRST REGIONAL CROWN OF 1969-70.

TWO "GOLDEN ERAS" ARE EVIDENT IN FOOTBALL, THE FIRST UNDER DIENHART WHOSE 25-9-4 MARK DURING 1938-42 INCLUDED TWO UNBEATEN TEAMS. GRIDDETS LIKE NICK SCOLLARD, PETE VARINI, OWEN TURK AND ART GILPIN MADE THESE TEAMS HIGHLY MEMORABLE.

DURING 1954-58, COACH BOB JAURON'S TEAMS ROLLED TO A 32-13-1 RECORD, INCLUDING THE ONLY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN SCHOOL HISTORY, COURTESY OF A SCORELESS TIE WITH MONTANA STATE IN THE 1956 ALUMINUM BOWL AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK. PLAYERS LIKE RALPH TITE AND JERRY SELINGER SPARKED THE '56 CLUB.

CURRENT COACH BILL JENNINGS HAS ALSO ADDED HIS NAME TO THE RECORD BOOKS: WHEN SJC CONCLUDED ITS 1975 SEASON WITH A 13-6 WIN AT VALPARAISO, IT MARKED HIS 33RD CAREER WIN HERE, PASSING THE OLD MARK OF JAURON.

THROUGH ALL THE WINS, LOSSES AND OCCASIONAL TIES, SJC ATHLETICS HAS PROVEN ITS VALUE TO CAMPUS LIFE. STUDENTS, ALUMNI, PARENTS AND FRIENDS FIND HERE A COMMON TALKING POINT LOADED WITH MUTUAL INTERESTS WHEN THE SUBJECT OF ATHLETICS COMES UP, AND IT ADDS IMMEASURABLY TO THE CAMPUS SPIRIT AND TRADITION.



SUBJECT: FATHER ROOF HAD ROLE IN BRINGING CHICAGO BEARS TO SJC

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — HISTORICAL FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN MANY PLACES, AND ONE OF THE SHARPEST MEMORIES FOR FACTS AND ANECDOTES TO BE FOUND ON THE SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CAMPUS IS THAT OF FATHER EDWARD ROOF, WHO SINCE 1929 HAS SERVED THE COLLEGE IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

A LONG-TIME FACULTY MEMBER, FATHER ROOF ALSO WAS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DURING 1937-54 AND MANAGER OF THE COLLEGE BOOKSTORE IN THE EARLY 1960'S. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, HE WAS PRESENTED WITH AN HONORARY DEGREE LAST APRIL.

FATHER ROOF, A NATIVE OF OTTAWA, OHIO, WAS INSPIRED BY THE PERSONAL EXAMPLE OF HIS LOCAL PASTOR, FATHER FRANCIS NIGSCH, AND HE TRACES HIS VOCATION TO THIS TIME OF HIS LIFE. "FATHER NIGSCH WAS SUCH A SQUARE SHOOTER; HE WOULD WALK THROUGH A TOWN LIKE OTTAWA—A TOWN MUCH LIKE RENSSELAER—AND STOP IN ALMOST EACH STORE EVERY DAY. HE WAS SO FAITHFUL STOPPING IN AND SAYING HELLO—PEOPLE ADMIRER HIM FOR DOING THIS."

FATHER ROOF BECAME THE FIRST OF ABOUT TEN PRIESTS FROM OTTAWA, AND HE CLEARLY RECALLS HIS FIRST TRIP TO SAINT JOSEPH'S AS A STUDENT. "WE WENT 70 MILES BY INTERURBAN, TRAIN, WAGON AND AUTO, AND IT SEEMED LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD, HONESTLY, AND I WAS READY TO SAY LET'S GO BACK HOME. MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF SAINT JOE CAME FROM THE TRAIN—IT WAS SEEING THE CHAPEL TOWERS IN THE DISTANCE."

HE RECALLS HIS STUDENT DAYS AS BEING HAPPY ONES, FILLED WITH FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS EVERYWHERE EXCEPT FOR THE TASTE OF THE CAMPUS SULPHUR WATER. ORDAINED IN 1929, HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT CAME RIGHT AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, WHERE HE TAUGHT LATIN AND GREEK.

"FATHER WAGNER, THEN THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT, TOLD ME TO PREPARE TO TEACH MATH, BUT I TOLD HIM I WOULD RATHER GO FOR HISTORY," FATHER ROOF NOTES. "HE REPEATED THAT WE NEEDED MATH TEACHERS, THEN I ASKED HIM TO CHECK MY RECORDS. THE NEXT DAY HE CALLED, SAYING HE HAD CHECKED MY RECORDS, AND ADDING THAT I WOULD BE TEACHING LATIN AND GREEK, NOT MATH."

FATHER ROOF EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN 1931, AND SOON BEGAN A BUSY LIST OF DUTIES AT COLLEGEVILLE. "I TAUGHT IN THE COLLEGE AND ALSO HELPED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION, AND I CAN REMEMBER THAT THE YOUNGEST PRIEST ALWAYS HAD TO HAVE THE 5 A.M. MASS. I HAD THAT MASS FOR QUITE A WHILE, AND I ALSO WAS A DORMITORY PREFECT."

AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, FATHER ROOF HAS MANY FOND MEMORIES, AND HE STARTS BY RELATING A HERETOFORE UNKNOWN ANECDOTE CONCERNING HIS ROLE IN BRINGING THE CHICAGO BEARS TO THE COLLEGE. HE CUSTOMARILY PURCHASED ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT AT THE HALAS SPORTING GOODS STORE IN CHICAGO, WHERE A GIRL BY THE NAME OF PAT SAGE FROM RENSSELAER WORKED.

DURING A VISIT THERE, PAT SAGE SUGGESTED THAT FATHER ROOF MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF SJC HOSTING THE BEARS' SUMMER TRAINING CAMP; FATHER ROOF DID SO, AND WHEN WALTER HALAS SHOWED INTEREST, FATHER ROOF SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT FATHER JOSEPH OTTE AT THE COLLEGE. HALAS SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED FATHER OTTE, WAS INVITED TO THE CAMPUS TO VIEW FACILITIES, AND SOON AN AGREEMENT TO BRING THE TRAINING CAMP HERE WAS REACHED.



WHEN FATHER ROOF RECALLS HIS EARLY YEARS AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, HE NOTES "YOU ARE TALKING OF THE GOLDEN ERA NOW--JOE DIENHART WAS OUR COACH IN ALL SPORTS AND ONE OF THE SMARTEST COACHES WE EVER HAD. HE WAS A REAL MAN; HE HELPED HIS PLAYERS GET SUMMER JOBS AND HE HAD THE INTEREST OF EVERY ATHLETE AT HEART. JUST A TERRIFIC GUY."

FATHER ROOF ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE PROGRESS IN INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS. "WE USED TO HAVE A DAY OF INTRAMURAL COMPETITION AMONG THE VARIOUS INTRAMURAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS IN THE OLD CATHOLIC LEAGUE--TEAMS THAT WON AT ST. AMBROSE, LORAS, LEWIS, ST. NORBERT AND SAINT JOE. THE COMPETITION WAS TERRIFIC AND SOMETHING EACH SCHOOL REALLY LOOKED FORWARD TO."

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS ATHLETIC DIRECTORSHIP INCLUDE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ACADEMY (HIGH SCHOOL) ATHLETIC TEAMS. IN ONE SEASON, THE ACADEMY TEAM PLAYED IN THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC TOURNAMENT AND WENT TO THE NATIONAL SEMIFINALS AFTER UPSETTING FAVORED MT. CARMEL OF CHICAGO. FATHER ROOF ALSO INITIATED INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND HE COACHED THE NETTERS THROUGH 1958, A SPAN THAT INCLUDED SOME OF THE WINNINGEST TENNIS SQUADS IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

FATHER ROOF SAYS THAT CEIL AND BOB CONLEY BEGAN OPERATING THE BOOKSTORE IN THE BASEMENT OF GASPAR HALL IN 1947, THEN HE BECAME MANAGER (AFTER WORKING THERE MANY YEARS) JUST BEFORE THE STORE WAS MOVED TO HALLECK CENTER IN THE EARLY 1960'S.

"CLOSENESS WITH THE STUDENTS IS WHAT I REMEMBER BEST ABOUT THOSE DAYS IN THE BOOKSTORE," FATHER ROOF SAYS. "STUDENTS WOULD COME IN THERE BETWEEN CLASSES EVEN IF THEY DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING, OR JUST IF THEY WANTED A CANDY BAR OR A GREETING CARD. IT WAS SURPRISING HOW MANY SWEATSHIRTS AND OTHER ITEMS WERE SOLD THERE; A LITTLE WINDOW ON THE NORTH EDGE OF THE STORE, FACING THE

CAMPUS ENTRANCE ROAD, WAS A GREAT BIT OF ADVERTISING FOR US."

MOVING THE STORE TO HALLECK CENTER WAS DONE QUICKLY AND WITH LITTLE TROUBLE, HE ADDS, BECAUSE A FORMER STUDENT, A SISTER KEVIN FROM SAN PIERRE, LOANED A TRUCK FOR HAULING. ONCE LOCATED IN HALLECK CENTER, FATHER ROOF SAYS THE INITIAL CHALLENGE WAS ADVERTISING THE STORE'S PRESENCE THERE.

"I HAVE BEEN AMAZED AT THE NUMBER OF ALUMNI WHO STOP IN THE BOOKSTORE AND BUY LITTLE THINGS, OFTEN FOR THEIR CHILDREN," FATHER ROOF SAYS. "AND THEN AS NOW, THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGE IN OPERATING A BOOKSTORE IS TO GET THE BOOKS IN ON TIME AND GET THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THE BOOKS TO PLACE THEIR ORDER WITH US WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE TIME THEY'RE NEEDED."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, HE SAYS "I STILL INTEND TO WORK IN THE BOOKSTORE WHENEVER I'M NEEDED, AND PRIMARILY THIS MEANS DURING RUSH PERIODS; I'M ALSO WILLING TO HELP WHEREVER AROUND HERE THAT I POSSIBLY CAN."

FATHER ROOF SAYS HE IS ENJOYING HIS TIME SINCE RETIRING FROM THE FACULTY LAST SPRING, AND HE'S EVEN DEVELOPED WHAT HE CALLS A "TERRIBLE HABIT" THAT PROBABLY AFFLICTS MANY AMERICANS: "I LIKE TO READ, BUT ALSO IT'S GETTING TO WHERE I'M LIKING TELEVISION AND CAN'T GET TO BED ON TIME."



SUBJECT: MEET JOE DIENHART, A MAN AND COACH OF DISTINCTION

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — SAINT JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC HISTORY HAS OWNED ITS UPS AND DOWNS, BUT STILL TODAY WHENEVER COLLEGEVILLE SPORTS BUFFS GATHER TO TALK ABOUT SJC SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS, THEIR ATTENTION INVARIABLY CENTERS FIRST ON THE GOLDEN ERA OF JOE DIENHART.

NOW IN HIS SECOND TERM AS MAYOR OF WEST LAFAYETTE, IND., DIENHART WAS THE PUMAS' ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND COACH OF FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL DURING 1938-43, AN ERA UNLIKE ANY IN THIS SCHOOL'S 87-YEAR HISTORY.

DIENHART BROUGHT TO HIS COACHING DUTIES THAT RARE AND TREASURED COMBINATION OF BEING A SHREWD RECRUITER, MOTIVATOR AND SIDELINE TACTICIAN, AS WELL AS A WARM, RESPONSIVE, COMMUNICATIVE LEADER OF THE MEN HE COACHED. AND WHEN IT COMES TO THAT INTANGIBLE QUALITY CALLED "CLASS," HE HAD AND STILL HAS IT IN SPADES.

DIENHART CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S FROM INDIANAPOLIS CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER OF 1938, AND IN ADDITION TO HIS COACHING DUTIES, HE TAUGHT ONE HEALTH CLASS IN THE ACADEMY (HIGH SCHOOL) AND TWO PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES IN THE COLLEGE. BROTHER HENRY KOSALCO ASSISTED HIM IN FOOTBALL, BUT HE DIRECTED BOTH THE ACADEMY AND COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS.

HIS FIRST FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS DIDN'T POST WINNING SEASONS, PROMPTING DIENHART TO SAY TODAY "MANY OF THE GOOD FATHERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD PROBABLY THOUGHT THEIR ADMINISTRATION HAD HIRED A COACH WITHOUT A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL. THROUGH HARD WORK AND UNIFIED EFFORT BY

FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND COACHES, HOWEVER, A YEARLY IMPROVEMENT WAS SHOWN IN OUR RECORDS."

AND THE WINNING WHICH FOLLOWED WAS NO STRANGER TO DIENHART, WHO HAD WON FOUR STATE CATHOLIC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT CATHEDRAL AND FIVE INDIANAPOLIS CITY TITLES IN FOOTBALL, INCLUDING THREE UNDEFEATED TEAMS.

"MANY SAINT JOE FATHERS, IN THEIR RELIGIOUS DUTIES AND CANVASSING IN THE PARISHES OF INDIANA, OHIO, ILLINOIS AND KENTUCKY CONTACTED ME WHENEVER THEY LEARNED OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THOSE AREAS," HE RECALLS. "FATHERS NIESET, ROOF, KROECKEL, SHEERIN, LEY AND ALOYS DIRKSEN, AMONG OTHERS, WERE MOST HELPFUL."

DIENHART'S FOOTBALL TEAMS POSTED A CUMULATIVE 25-9-4 RECORD, GOOD FOR A .736 WINNING PERCENTAGE. INCLUDED WERE 8-0-1 AND 7-0-1 TEAMS IN 1941 AND 1942. MOREOVER, HIS GRIDDEES ROLLED UP A 21-GAME WINNING STREAK, TOPS IN SJC HISTORY. HIS BASKETBALL TEAMS WERE TYPIFIED BY THE 16-7 CLUB OF 1939-40 AND TODAY HE RANKS AS THE SECOND-WINNINGEST HARDWOOD COACH IN SCHOOL HISTORY, BEHIND ONLY HIS GOOD FRIEND FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER, WHO DIRECTED THE CAGERS HERE DURING 1911-25.

"WE ALSO HAD EXCELLENT BASEBALL TEAMS, AND DICK SCHARF AND BROTHER HENRY GAVE ME GREAT ASSISTANCE HERE," HE RECALLS. "SAINT JOE WON THE INDIANA INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1941 AND 1942 AND THE BASEBALL TITLE IN 1942 AND 1943. THERE WERE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE 1942 TEAM WHO SIGNED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CONTRACTS."

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF DIENHART'S TENURE WAS THE 1940-41 ACADEMY TEAM WHICH WON 18 CONSECUTIVE GAMES, ADVANCED TO THE FINAL GAME OF THE INDIANA STATE TOURNEY BEFORE LOSING, AND WON TWO GAMES IN A TOURNAMENT AT CHICAGO, INCLUDING AN UPSET OF MOUNT CARMEL, THE CHICAGO AREA CHAMPIONS.

SOME OF THE BEST-KNOWN NAMES IN COLLEGEVILLE'S ATHLETIC HISTORY EMERGED UNDER DIENHART. IN FOOTBALL GEORGE ELLSPERMANN, PETE VARINI, STAN LAPSYS,



BOB DUAX, AUGIE SUNAGEL, CONNIE VANDERKOLK, ED RESETAR, WALLY LENCZYK, LOUIS YUGOVICH, DAN BRINKOETTER, GIL AND ROBERT HODGES, NICK SCOLLARD AND CURLEY WISNIEWSKI ARE NAMES THAT RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO DIENHART'S MIND.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS BERNIE HOFFMAN, MAURI GUTGSELL, URBAN PFEFFER, VANDERKOLK AND MOSSER WERE STANDOUTS IN THIS SPORT. "HOFFMAN, GUTGSELL AND MOSSER COULD HAVE PLAYED AT ANY COLLEGE THEY CHOSE TO ENTER, AND DURING THE 1941-42 SEASON HOFFMAN MAY HAVE BEEN THE OUTSTANDING PLAYER IN INDIANA," HE REPORTS.

"AND BASED ON OUR 1941 FOOTBALL SEASON, I AM OF THE SINCERE OPINION THAT END NICK SCOLLARD, TACKLES COWBOY RESETAR AND ART GILPIN AND GUARD ANGIE SUNAGEL COULD HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING PLAYERS ON ANY BIG TEN TEAM."

ANECDOTES COME EASILY TO DIENHART, WHOSE LOVE FOR AND CONTACT WITH HIS FORMER SJC ATHLETES CONTINUES YET TODAY. IN ONE FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE, HE TOLD AUGIE SUNAGEL "IS THERE ANY WAY YOU CAN BLOCK BETTER THAN YOUR LAST EFFORT?" SUNAGEL, ALSO A HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER AND WEIGHTLIFTER, RESPONDED "COACH, DO YOU WANT ME TO BUMP HIM HARD?" DIENHART NODDED YES, AND AFTER THE NEXT PLAY, SMELLING SALTS WERE REQUIRED TO REVIVE THE PLAYER WHO SUNAGEL "BUMPED."

DIENHART'S WIFE, ALICE, PROVED HERSELF A FAST AND SAFE DRIVER LATE IN THE WINTER OF 1941 WHEN SJC BASKETBALL PLAYER BUD BOWMAN ARRIVED LATE FOR THE TEAM'S TRIP TO KANSAS CITY TO REPRESENT THE INDIANA CONFERENCE IN THE NAIA TOURNEY. THREE CARS WITH THE TEAM LEFT THE FIELDHOUSE AT 8 A.M., THEN TEN MINUTES LATER BOWMAN HURRIED INTO THE FIELDHOUSE.

"BUD PREVAILED ON MY WIFE TO DRIVE FAST AND CATCH US," DIENHART RECALLS. "WELL, THIS SHE DID, DRIVING MY DESOTO 85 AND 90 MILES AN HOUR AND CAUGHT US A LITTLE OVER THE ILLINOIS STATE LINE ON U.S. HIGHWAY 24."

"ANOTHER GOOD ONE FOR THE BOOK", DIENHART RECALLS, "INVOLVED MY BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS FROM JASPER, INDIANA--HOFFMAN, PFEFFER AND GUTGSELL. THEY ALL ENJOYED 'COLD BEER' AFTER ANY ROAD GAME AND I HAD A STANDING RULE FOR MY

ATHLETES--IF THEY WOULD SEE BROTHER HENRY KUSH AND MYSELF IN A PLACE HAVING A BEER, THEY WERE NOT TO EVER COME IN WHERE WE WERE SITTING. THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO FIND THEIR BEER ELSEWHERE.

"AFTER ONE OF OUR ROAD GAMES, THIS TRIO WAS OBSERVED DRINKING A BEER BY ONE OF THE SAINT JOE FATHERS, WHO TURNED IN THE INCIDENT TO FATHER ALOYS DIRKSEN, THEN PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE, AND TOLD HIM THAT I HAD NO CONTROL OVER THESE MEN WHO, INCIDENTALLY, WERE AND ARE OUTSTANDING MEN. PRESIDENT DIRKSEN LATER TOLD ME OF THE HAPPENING, AND WE BOTH LOOKED AT EACH OTHER AND JUST SMILED." IN ANOTHER CASE, DIENHART DROVE BERNIE HOFFMAN TO CHICAGO TO TAKE A SPECIAL EYE EXAM, AS A WAIVER OF RULES TO ADMIT HIM AS A V-12 NAVAL TRAINEE IN EARLY DECEMBER, 1942.

"I DROVE HIM OUT TO THE GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING BASE NORTH OF CHICAGO, BUT HE STILL FLUNKED THE EYE TEST," DIENHART REMEMBERS. "THEN I DROVE BACK WITH HIM TO SAINT JOE LATE THAT SATURDAY AND ARRIVED JUST IN TIME FOR HIM TO SUIT UP FOR OUR GAME WITH RIDER COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY. WELL HOFFMAN AND HIS POOR EYESIGHT ACCOUNTED FOR 36 POINTS IN THAT GAME."

DIENHART ALSO HAD A QUICK TALENT FOR BRINGING A PLAYER BACK TO EARTH. ONE NIGHT AT ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, MAURI GUTGSELL SCORED 25 POINTS TO RALLY A COLD-SHOOTING PUMA SQUAD TO VICTORY. AFTER THE GAME, HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIMSELF AND DID A LITTLE BRAGGING IN THE LOCKER ROOM.

"THEN I TOLD HIM THAT THE PLAYER HE WAS GUARDING HAD OUTSCORED HIM, AND WARNED HIM NOT TO GET ELEPHANTITIS OF THE OCCIPITAL LOBE (THE BIG HEAD)," DIENHART SAYS. "YEARS AGO THIS WAS A COMMON STATEMENT MADE BY NOTRE DAME COACH KNUTE ROCKNE WHEN TAKING THE AIR OUT OF A PLAYER'S SAILES."

SUMMARIZING HIS YEARS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, DIENHART STRESSES "IN LINE WITH MY SINCERE THOUGHTS IS THAT YOU GIVE GREAT CREDIT TO ALL THE GOOD FATHERS WHO CANVASSED, TAUGHT, AND COUNSELED THE MANY FINE STUDENTS WE HAD DURING THE DAYS THAT SAINT JOE WAS BUILDING FROM A JUNIOR COLLEGE TO A STRONG FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL.



"LET ME SAY IN CLOSING THAT FIVE OF THE HAPPIEST YEARS OF MINE WERE SPENT IN RENSSELAER WITH MY DUTIES AT SAINT JOSEPH'S. TWO OF OUR THREE CHILDREN, SUZY AND JIMMY, WERE BORN WHILE WE WERE IN RENSSELAER, AND MY WIFE, ALICE AND I, SHALL ALWAYS RETAIN A WARM SPOT IN OUR HEARTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JOSEPH'S AND RENSSELAER."

SUBJECT: RICHARD SCHARF RECALLS SJC ATHLETICS THROUGH MANY YEARS

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- SAINT JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC SCENE HAS GROWN AND CHANGED THROUGH THE YEARS, WHILE MANY COACHES AND ATHLETES HAVE COME AND GONE. BUT A PERMANENT FIXTURE FOR THE PAST 36 YEARS HAS BEEN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RICHARD SCHARF, AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE GIVE HIM A KEEN INSIGHT INTO ATHLETICS HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

A NATIVE OF FOSTORIA, OHIO, SCHARF FIRST CAME TO SJC IN THE FALL OF 1934 AS A STUDENT; HIS BROTHER, FATHER BERNARD SCHARF, WAS A FACULTY MEMBER WHEN HE CAME TO WHAT THEN WAS A JUNIOR COLLEGE. BY THE TIME OF HIS GRADUATION IN 1938, HE HAD WON 11 MAJOR LETTERS IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL--MORE THAN ANY OTHER ATHLETE IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

RAYMOND DECOOK LEFT THE COLLEGE COACHING STAFF THE SAME YEAR OF SCHARF'S GRADUATION, AND SCHARF WAS OFFERED A COACHING JOB AT THAT TIME. "BUT I JUST WASN'T INTERESTED IN THE JOB AT THIS TIME AND I TOOK A JOB IN THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY AT HAMMOND."

RECIPIENT OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S, SCHARF WORKED FOR NIPSCO FROM JUNE OF 1938 TO FEBRUARY OF 1940. HE WAS PERSUADED TO RETURN TO HIS ALMA MATER AS A TEACHER AND COACH BY FATHER



ALOYS DIRKSEN, SCHOOL PRESIDENT, AND JOE DIENHART, HEAD COACH OF THE VARIOUS COLLEGE SPORTS AT THAT TIME.

"I JOINED THE COLLEGE STAFF ON FEB. 1, 1940, AND THOSE WERE BUSY YEARS FOR US, BECAUSE DIENHART AND MYSELF PLUS BROTHER HENRY KOSALCO WERE THE ONLY COACHES FOR BOTH THE ACADEMY AND COLLEGE TEAMS," SCHARF SAYS.

DURING THE NEXT DECADE, SCHARF COMPLETED WORK FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND COACHED BOTH COLLEGE AND ACADEMY FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL TEAMS DURING VARIOUS PERIODS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN HEALTH AND SAFETY FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY IN 1949 AND A DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY DEGREE FROM INDIANA IN 1957.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SINCE AUGUST OF 1961, HE RECALLS MANY HIGHLIGHTS DURING HIS TENURE AT COLLEGEVILLE, STARTING WITH HIS YEARS IN THE EARLY 1940'S, WORKING WITH DIENHART, THE MAN WHO STARTED THE COLLEGE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHED A HIGHLY-SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC PROGRAM HERE.

"JOE DIENHART WAS AN OUTSTANDING PERSON; HE BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN HIS ATHLETES, BOTH AS ATHLETES AND AS MEN, AND HIS PERSONALITY WAS JUST TREMENDOUS," SCHARF NOTES. "WE DIDN'T HAVE A GREAT NUMBER OF ATHLETES IN THESE YEARS, BUT THEY WERE VERY TALENTED AND MANY OF THEM PLAYED TWO OR THREE SPORTS."

FOOTBALL PLAYERS INCLUDED STAN LAPSYS AND NICK SCOLLARD, BASKETBALL SUCCESS BLOSSOMED WITH THE LIKES OF BERNIE HOFFMAN AND NEAL MOSSER AND BASEBALL BOASTED GIL HODGES AND MAURY GUTGSELL. THE QUALITY OF THE BASEBALL PROGRAM, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE PLAYERS ENTERED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DURING OR AFTER WORLD WAR II.

"IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THESE FIRST WONDERFUL YEARS THAT I SETTLED UPON ATHLETICS AS MY PERMANENT PROFESSION," SCHARF POINTS OUT. "SINCE THEN I'VE NEVER HAD A DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANYTHING EXCEPT ATHLETICS, AND SPECIFICALLY ATHLETICS HERE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S."

SCHARF RECALLS 1946 AS A MEMORABLE FOOTBALL SEASON, BECAUSE HE COACHED BOTH THE COLLEGE AND ACADEMY TEAMS, WORKING WITH THE ACADEMY TEAM FROM 1 TO 3 P.M. DAILY AND THE COLLEGIANS DURING 3-5 P.M. ACADEMY GAMES WERE PLAYED ON FRIDAYS AND COLLEGE GAMES WERE HELD ON SATURDAYS.

"I REMEMBER THAT 1946 ACADEMY TEAM WAS A GOOD ONE; WE TIED A GREAT FORT WAYNE CENTRAL CATHOLIC TEAM, 7-7, AND I ALSO REMEMBER THE HECTIC WEEKEND I COACHED AN ACADEMY GAME HERE FRIDAY AND HAD TO CATCH A TRAIN TO LOUISVILLE FOR SATURDAY'S COLLEGE GAME. WELL, THE TRAIN WENT RIGHT PAST ME AT THE RENSSELAER DEPOT AND MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT I'D HAVE TO HURRY HOME AND GET THE CAR AND DRIVE TO LOUISVILLE.

"ABOUT THE TIME I GOT HOME, I HEARD ANOTHER TRAIN WHISTLE SO I DROVE BACK TO THE DEPOT, AND SURE ENOUGH, THIS WAS THE TRAIN TO LOUISVILLE, SO I LEFT THE CAR THERE AND GOT ON THE TRAIN. THE NEXT MORNING, ABOUT 6 O'CLOCK, MY WIFE KAY PHONED ME FROM RENSSELAER, QUITE WORRIED, SAYING THAT SOMEONE HAD APPARENTLY STOLEN OUR CAR; ONLY THEN DID I EXPLAIN TO HER THAT THE CAR WAS AT THE DEPOT AND HOW IT GOT THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE."

ONE OF SCHARF'S MORE INTERESTING COACHING EXPERIENCES CAME AFTER WORLD WAR II WHEN IT BECAME NECESSARY TO BLEND WAR VETERANS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TOGETHER ON THE COLLEGE TEAMS. DIFFERENT FORMS OF DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING WERE NEEDED FOR BOTH GROUPS, BUT SCHARF RECALLS THEY GOT ALONG WELL TOGETHER.



"MY MOST MEMORABLE BASKETBALL COACHING YEAR WAS 1952-53 WHEN WE WON THE INDIANA COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND I WAS NAMED COACH-OF-THE-YEAR," HE REPORTS. "WE HAD GREAT TEAMWORK WITH PLAYERS LIKE DON MERKI, JACK DWYER AND WILLIE KELLOGG, AND I REMEMBER THAT WE CAME FROM SOMETHING LIKE 14 POINTS BEHIND TO BEAT BUTLER IN A KEY GAME AND WE ALSO CAME FROM BEHIND TO BEAT VALPO."

SCHARF NEXT RECALLS THE MID-1950'S AS VERY SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL YEARS, INCLUDING AN APPEARANCE IN THE 1956 ALUMINUM BOWL. "NOW AS AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, I GET A DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT THAN A COACH, BUT YOU STILL GET THE SAME THRILL OF SUCCESS WHEN THE COLLEGE TEAMS DO WELL.

"FOOTBALL IN THE EARLY SEVENTIES WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND WE'RE IMPROVING IN THAT SPORT AGAIN, BASKETBALL HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY SUCCESSFUL HERE SINCE THE 1969-70 SEASON AND OUR BASEBALL PROGRAM HAS ALSO BECOME A WINNING, COMPETITIVE PROGRAM WITH A VERY BRIGHT FUTURE."

SCHARF CONCLUDES THAT HE FEELS MOST FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN AT SAINT JOSEPH'S DURING ALL THESE YEARS.

"THIS COLLEGE AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING AND THE MANY EXPERIENCES AND FRIENDS I'VE MADE HERE ARE INVALUABLE. I'VE ALSO TREASURED MY ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY BUSY YEAR NOW AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE DIVISION II BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE."





St. Joe Basketball Team in the 1930's  
[Coach: Ray DeCook]



SUBJECT: FATHER HENRY LUCKS SUPERVISED SAINT JOSEPH'S POST-WAR EXPANSION

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WORLD WAR II FORCED SEVERAL LEAN YEARS UPON SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, BUT THE EXPANSION WITNESSED AT COLLEGEVILLE JUST BEFORE HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT RESUMED SOON AFTER THE RETURN OF PEACE.

DIRECTING THIS RESUMPTION OF COLLEGE GROWTH WAS FATHER HENRY LUCKS, THE SCHOOL'S TENTH PRESIDENT. A NATIVE OF NEBRASKA, HE FIRST CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S AS A STUDENT DURING 1915-21, AND WAS ORDAINED AT CARTHAGENA IN MAY, 1927.

AFTER TEACHING AT COLLEGEVILLE FOR SIX YEARS, HE ENTERED CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE EARNED MASTER'S AND DOCTOR'S DEGREES IN PHILOSOPHY. IN THE FALL OF 1936 HE RETURNED TO SJC TO TEACH, THEN BECAME DEAN OF STUDIES IN 1937. HE WAS NAMED PRESIDENT IN 1944, A POSITION HE HELD FOR FOUR YEARS.

STILL TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET AS WORLD WAR II CONTINUED, THE COLLEGE BECAME THE SUMMER TRAINING CAMP OF FOOTBALL'S CHICAGO BEARS IN THE SUMMER OF 1944. MEANWHILE, INCREASED EFFORT WAS MADE TO RECRUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LIEU OF THE FALLEN COLLEGE ENROLLMENT.

SEPT. 25, 1944, MARKED AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR THE COLLEGE--AT THIS TIME SJC WAS APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS FOR COLLEGE EDUCATION. IN THE SUMMER OF 1945, THE COLLEGE HOSTED THE FIRST RETREAT FOR PRIESTS OF THE NEWLY-FORMED DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE, AND THAT SAME SUMMER SULPHUR-FREE

WATER WAS SECURED WITH THE DIGGING OF NEW WELLS NEAR THE GRAVEL PITS, ELIMINATING THE UNPLEASANT ODOR CREATED BY THE COLLEGE FOUNTAIN.

IN THE FALL OF 1945 IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COLLEGE WOULD ABANDON ITS HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION; IT WOULD BE DISCONTINUED AFTER THE CURRENT 250 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALREADY ENROLLED COULD GRADUATE. BY THE SECOND SEMESTER OF 1945-46, THE FIRST GROUP OF 59 VETERANS ENROLLED, INCREASING STUDENT POPULATION TO 139.

ANTICIPATING SUCH GROWTH, THE SUMMER OF 1946 SAW THE LIBRARY EXPANDED NORTHWARD THROUGH THE OLD GYM SPACE TO APPROXIMATELY ITS CURRENT EXTENT. LIKEWISE THE DINING ROOM BELOW THE CHAPEL WAS CONVERTED TO CAFETERIA STYLE AS OPPOSED TO THE OLDER FAMILY STYLE WITH TABLECLOTHS, AND A PROFESSIONAL DIETICIAN WAS HIRED.

RETREATS FOR GROUPS SUCH AS THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS EXPANDED USE OF THE CAMPUS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1946, AND AT THE SAME TIME EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE WITH ENROLLMENT EXPECTED TO JUMP TO 600 IN THE FALL.

WHEN SEPTEMBER ARRIVED, 615 STUDENTS ENROLLED, INCLUDING 514 SECULAR COLLEGE STUDENTS, 329 OF THEM EX-GI'S, 323 FRESHMEN. TO ADD INCOME, JOSEPH CRITSER WAS GIVEN A LEASE ON THE GRAVEL PIT AREA.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS CAME WITH THE SUMMER OF 1947, MOST IMPORTANT AND OBVIOUS BEING THE BUILDING OF RALEIGH HALL AS A RECREATIONAL CENTER AND THE RENOVATION OF THE AD BUILDING BASEMENT INTO STUDENT ROOMS. THE HIGH SCHOOL ALSO ENDED IN 1947.

SAINT JOSEPH'S RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE ON APR. 15, 1948, WHEN IT GRANTED AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE TO RADIO ENTERTAINERS JAMES E. JORDAN AND MARIAN JORDAN, BETTER KNOWN AS FIBBER MCGEE AND MOLLY.

THEY HAD BEEN HONORED BECAUSE A POLL AMONG STUDENTS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S



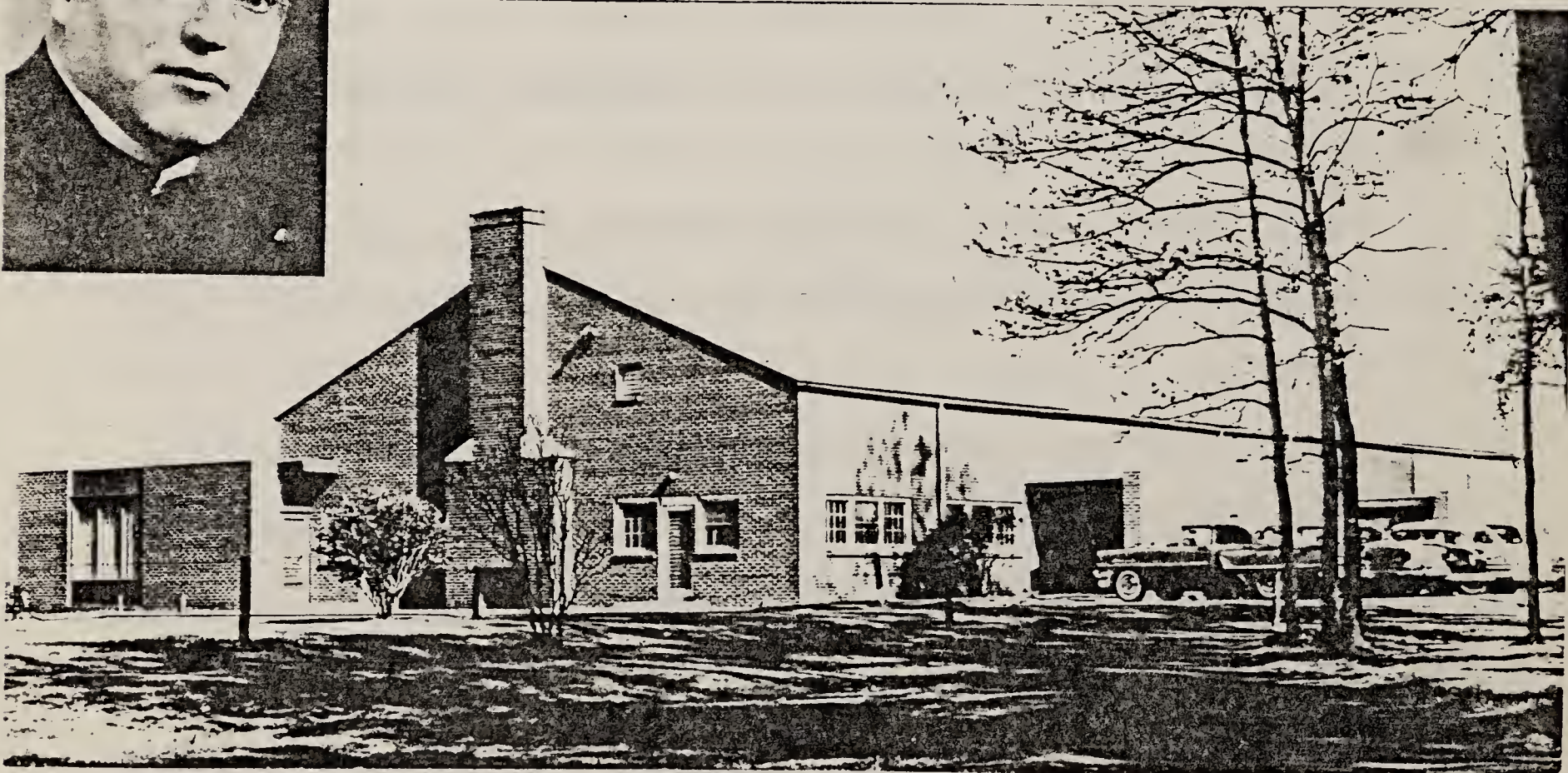
AND 180 OTHER CATHOLIC COLLEGES RATED THEM THE TOP RADIO PERFORMERS IN TERMS OF ENTERTAINMENT VALUE. BOB HOPE FINISHED DEAD LAST IN THE SAME POLL.

ANOTHER FIRST CAME JUNE 28, 1948, WITH THE APPEARANCE OF NUNS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS. MANY OF THEM STILL LACKED AN A.B. DEGREE AND THE COLLEGE OFFERED THEM WHAT WAS THEN CONSIDERED AN IDEAL EDUCATIONAL ATMOSPHERE--A DEGREE OF SEGREGATION, A CAMPUS LIFE, AND AN ACCOMPLISHED THEOLOGICAL FACULTY.

FAILING HEALTH FORCED FATHER LUCKS TO RESIGN IN SEPTEMBER, 1948, BUT HE CONTINUED TEACHING, BEGINNING WITH THE SPRING SEMESTER AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN FEBRUARY, 1949. HE WAS STILL TEACHING THERE WHEN HE DIED UNEXPECTEDLY ON NOV. 11, 1954.



Rev. Henry Lucks



Raleigh Hall [named after a succession of earlier facilities where privileged students were allowed to smoke] may rate as the college bargain building. It was acquired in 1947 as a government surplus building and for the next 16 years saw heavy use as the college's social center. Since then the athletic and several academic departments have competed for space in it.



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S ENTERS 1950's UNDER GUIDANCE OF FATHER ALFRED ZANOLAR

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CONTINUED ITS POST-WAR GROWTH DURING 1948-51 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FATHER ALFRED ZANOLAR, A LAPORTE, IND., NATIVE WHO FIRST CAME TO COLLEGEVILLE AS A STUDENT DURING 1925-27.

ORDAINED MAY 14, 1933, AT THE AGE OF 24 AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN CARTHAGENA, OHIO, HE WAS ADMIRER BY HIS FELLOW STUDENTS FOR FINDING STUDIES VERY EASY, AND LATER AS A PROFESSOR HE HAD THE REPUTATION OF RACING THROUGH EVEN THE MOST DIFFICULT MATHEMATICS PROBLEMS.

FOLLOWING ORDINATION, HE ATTENDED THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA (WASHINGTON, D.C.) WHERE HE GAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS IN THE SPRING OF 1935. HE SUBSEQUENTLY TAUGHT 15 YEARS ON SAINT JOSEPH'S FACULTY, WHILE LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING SEVERAL SUMMERS TO ATTEND COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

HIS THREE-YEAR TERM AS SAINT JOSEPH'S PRESIDENT BEGAN SEPT. 22, 1948, AND COVERED SEVERAL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CAMPUS.

WIDESPREAD ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON THE COLLEGE OCT. 16, 1948, WHEN REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GOV. THOMAS E. DEWEY CAME TO A POLITICAL RALLY IN THE FIELDHOUSE TO ADDRESS A CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 7000 PEOPLE. MEANWHILE, ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES WERE LIFTED FROM THE SHOULDERS OF THE PRESIDENT.

ON NOV. 4, 1948, FOR EXAMPLE, A SEPARATE MAN (FATHER CHARLES HERBER) WAS MADE RELIGIOUS SUPERIOR OVER THE PRIESTS AND BROTHERS. STILL MORE IMPOR-



TANT WAS MAR. 22, 1950, WHEN THE COLLEGE RECEIVED NORTH' CENTRAL ACCREDITATION. THIS REQUIRED MUCH WORK AND WAS A SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT OF FATHER WALTER PAX, DEAN OF STUDIES.

MINOR CAMPUS CHANGES INCLUDE THE LAUNDRY FACILITIES BEING LEASED TO PEERLESS CLEANERS OF RENSSELAER; UNTIL 1950 THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SISTERS HAD OPERATED THE LAUNDRY IN ADDITION TO THEIR DUTIES IN THE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOMS. ALSO IN THE SUMMER OF 1950 THE PRESENT BLEACHERS SEATING 1100 WERE ERECTED AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

SAINT JOSEPH'S GOVERNING STRUCTURE CONTINUED TO GROW AND CHANGE, EVIDENT IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A BOARD OF LAY TRUSTEES. THE GROUP'S FIRST MEETING WAS HELD DEC. 8, 1950.

ON MAY 10, 1951, FATHER ZANOLAR RESIGNED, AND THE FOLLOWING FALL HE ASSUMED A NEW ASSIGNMENT AS THE FIRST NOVICE MASTER OF THE CANONICAL NOVITIATE YEAR OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY'S STUDENTS.

HE HELD THIS POST UNTIL 1953, WHEN HE BECAME RECTOR OF BRUNNERDALE SEMINARY AT CANTON, OHIO, FOR ONE YEAR. THEREAFTER HE RETIRED FROM SCHOOL WORK AND TOOK A CHAPLAINCY WITH THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS, INTENSE AND ENERGETIC MAN, FATHER ZANOLAR ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION WITH THE SISTERS AS THEIR CHAPLAIN. HE DIED IN THIS ASSIGNMENT ON AUG. 26, 1958.



Rev. Alfred Zanolar

SUBJECT: FATHER GROSS HELD LONGEST SJC PRESIDENTIAL TERM

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — FATHER RAPHAEL H. GROSS ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE IN 1951, AND HE REMAINED IN THAT POSITION FOR THE NEXT 14 YEARS, MARKING THE LONGEST PRESIDENTIAL TENURE IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH WHO HAD ONLY RECENTLY FINISHED WORK ON HIS PH.D. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL, FATHER GROSS DIRECTED AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS NOT ONLY LENGTHY, BUT SIGNIFICANT.

GROWTH OF THE COLLEGE DURING HIS TERM FAR OUTSHADOWED THE YEARS COVERED BY ANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS, AND A COMPARISON OF THE COLLEGE CATALOG OF 1951-52 WITH THAT OF 1965-66 REVEALS A STAGGERING RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

IN GENERAL, THIS COMPARISON SHOWS A VAST EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE IN EVERY DIRECTION AND A MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF THE LAYMAN ON BOTH FACULTY AND STAFF. FOR EXAMPLE, THE STUDENT BODY GREW FROM 500 TO 1341; THE PROPORTION OF LAY TEACHERS TO CLERICAL FACULTY IN 1951 WAS 16 TO 40 AND BY 1965 IT WAS 48 TO 44.

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS INCREASED FROM 20 DEPARTMENTS WITH 16 MAJORS IN 1951 TO 27 DEPARTMENTS WITH 24 MAJORS IN 1965. THESE FIGURES ARE JUST AN INDICATOR OF A GREATER DIVERSITY IN ALL CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES. REMEMBER TOO, THAT THE STAFF OF JANITORIAL AND OFFICE WORKERS, FOR EXAMPLE, ALSO CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED.



MANY BROTHERS SERVED IN 1951 AS HALL PREFECTS, LIBRARIANS, INFIRMARIANS, AND WORKERS IN THE CARPENTRY AND ELECTRICAL SHOPS. BY 1965, MOST OF THEM HAD BEEN REPLACED BY SALARIED PERSONNEL. IN 1958, THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, WHO HAD TAKEN CARE OF THE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOMS SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE, ALSO LEFT.

AS SAINT JOSEPH'S GREW IN EXCELLENCE AND REPUTATION, ITS ENROLLMENT INCREASED ALMOST AS FAST, IF NOT FASTER, THAN FACILITIES COULD BE READIED. THE GROWTH FROM 500 TO 1341 STUDENTS NECESSITATED THE MOST EXTENSIVE BUILDING PROGRAM IN COLLEGE HISTORY: NOLL AND BENNETT HALLS IN 1955, GALLAGHER AND HALAS HALLS IN 1958, HALLECK CENTER AND SCHWIETERMAN HALL IN 1963. THE SISTERS CONVENT WAS CONVERTED INTO AQUINAS HALL IN 1959.

MUCH OF THIS EXPANSION WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL (HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT) LOANS. A REMINDER OF THE BOOMING STUDENT POPULATION IS EVIDENCED BY SJC'S OWNERSHIP OF WASHBURN HALL IN RENSSELAER.

TWO OTHER RENSSELAER HOMES ALSO WERE RENTED, AND THE "WHITE HOUSE," THE POWERHOUSE, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BASEMENT AND SECTIONS OF SCIENCE HALL PLUS TWO OTHER FARM HOMES HAD BEEN AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER PRESSED INTO SERVICE FOR STUDENT HOUSING.

MEANWHILE, THE COLLEGE FOR THE FIRST TIME GAINED NATIONAL ATTENTION VIA ITS ATHLETIC PROGRAM—SPECIFICALLY, THE FOOTBALL TEAM. ON DEC. 22, 1956, THE TEAM WON THE CO-CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AND PLAYED MONTANA STATE TO A 0-0 TIE ON A MUDDY FIELD IN LITTLE ROCK, ARK., IN THE FIRST ALUMINUM BOWL GAME.

AN EXPANSION IN PUBLICATIONS CAME IN THE FALL OF 1954 WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARENTS MAGAZINE, AND IN 1956 THE FORD FOUNDATION GRANT OF \$270,000 MADE POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE LAY FACULTY.

A CONCRETE RESULT OF THIS WAS THE FACULTY HOUSING PROJECT IN THE WOODS SOUTH OF THE COLLEGE WHICH WAS BEGUN IN 1957. IN 1958 THE POST OFFICE WAS ENLARGED AND MADE A SUBSTATION OF THE RENSSELAER POST OFFICE. AN ADDED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FATHER GROSS WAS A BRANCH CAMPUS OF THE COLLEGE WHICH WAS OPENED IN EAST CHICAGO, IND., IN THE FALL OF 1951.

DUE TO THIS PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF THE COLLEGE, A SHIFT IN THE BASIS OF REVENUE BECAME NECESSARY. BEFORE 1951, A MAJOR PART OF THE SCHOOL'S SUPPORT CAME FROM THE FARM AND CONTRIBUTED SERVICES OF THE CLERICAL FACULTY AND STAFF. NOW OTHER AVENUES OF SUPPORT HAD TO BE TAPPED.

ROOM, BOARD AND TUITION WAS RAISED FROM \$460 PER SEMESTER IN 1951 TO \$935 BY 1965. FATHER GROSS PERSONALLY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEVELOPING OTHER NEW SOURCES OF INCOME.

IN 1951, HE BECAME ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE OF THE PRESIDENTS IN THE ASSOCIATED COLLEGES OF INDIANA IN SOLICITING CORPORATION HEADS FOR FUNDS.

AND IN MAY, 1962, HE HIT UPON A NEW IDEA WHICH HAS OCCUPIED HIS TIME EVER SINCE RETIRING FROM THE PRESIDENCY: THE FELLOWS PROGRAM, WHICH UNDER HIS DIRECTION HAS CONTRIBUTED SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS TO THE COLLEGE.



Rev. Raphael Gross





On Sept. 13, 1962, former President Dwight Eisenhower laid the cornerstone for Halleck Center, the most imposing of the college's new buildings. This picture symbolizes not only the fact that the college had become important enough to attract a great national figure, but that the physical expansion program of the 1950's and 1960's had been made possible by federal loans, in which Congressman Charles Halleck [center] played a considerable role.



The sharing of laymen in the governance of the college began with an advisory Board of Lay Trustees who [above] assembled for their first meeting under Father Zanolar on May 8, 1950. On June 16, 1966, however, five laymen were added to the governing Board of Trustees of the college, which was a pioneer step among Catholic colleges. Since October 4, 1974, the majority on the Board are laymen.



SUBJECT: FATHER DANIEL SCHAEFER REMEMBERS--15 YEARS LATER

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- WHEN FATHER DANIEL SCHAEFER WAS HONORED AS A PRESIDENT'S FELLOW JUNE 25, 1977 DURING THE ANNUAL FELLOWS DINNER AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MEMORIES GALORE CAME FLOODING BACK TO MANY PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE, ESPECIALLY ALUMNI.

NOW MODERATOR GENERAL OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN ROME, FATHER SCHAEFER WAS DEAN OF MEN AT SAINT JOSEPH'S DURING 1952-62. DURING THESE YEARS, HE WAS A CENTRAL FIGURE IN THE LIVES OF MANY STUDENTS--A STERN DISCIPLINARIAN YET CONSIDERATE COUNSELOR WHO WAS FEARED BY A MINORITY AND RESPECTED BY THE MAJORITY.

IT HAS BEEN 15 YEARS SINCE HE LEFT SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND HE PAUSED FOLLOWING THE FELLOWS DINNER TO RECALL THOSE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO COLLEGEVILLE.

"MY SUPERIOR TOLD ME WHEN HE ASSIGNED ME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S THAT MY JOB WAS TO RESTORE A TRADITIONAL SENSE OF DISCIPLINE TO SAINT JOSEPH'S," HE RECALLS. "COLLEGE DISCIPLINE HAD BECOME SOMEWHAT RELAXED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE INFLUX OF WAR VETERANS WHOM THE COLLEGE TRIED TO TREAT LENIENTLY."

THIS APPROACH CREATED PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE STUDENTS OTHER THAN VETERANS BEGAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RELAXED CAMPUS DISCIPLINE.

"I CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S WITH NO SPECIFIC PREPARATION FOR THIS TYPE OF WORK," FATHER SCHAEFER POINTS OUT. "MY PREVIOUS JOB WAS IN PARISH WORK, AND I CAME TO THE COLLEGE WITH THE CONVICTION THAT I WOULD SIMPLY ENFORCE THE STUDENT HANDBOOK AND DO WHATEVER WAS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS."



HOW DID FATHER SCHAEFER VIEW HIS JOB? "I FELT THAT AS A CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SAINT JOSEPH'S NEEDED TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY WITH THE STUDENTS' PARENTS OF HELPING HIM MATURE, FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE CAMPUS AND GET THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM HIS EXPERIENCE ON THIS CAMPUS," HE EXPLAINS.

SHARING OF PARENTS' DUTIES WAS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY HIM. IN ONE CASE, HE STAYED BY THE BEDSIDE OF A SERIOUSLY-INJURED STUDENT FOR 46 HOURS NON-STOP UNTIL THE PARENTS ARRIVED.

IN ENFORCING DISCIPLINE, FATHER SCHAEFER FOLLOWED THIS TRIED AND PROVEN PRINCIPLE: BE FAIR AND BE CONSISTENT.

"WHEN A PERSON MAKES A MISTAKE, HE'S GOT TO LIVE WITH IT, JUST THE SAME AS IF YOU'RE INVOLVED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT, YOU MAY HAVE TO LIVE WITH A FEW INJURIES FROM IT," HE SAYS. "ON MANY OCCASIONS STUDENTS OR THEIR PARENTS WOULD WANT ME TO OVERLOOK A VIOLATION OR GIVE THE VIOLATOR A SECOND CHANCE.

"WELL, EVERYONE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SECOND CHANCES, BUT MY FEELING IS THAT YOU LOSE THE CONCEPT OF DISCIPLINE, THE BASIC IDEA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE'S OWN ACTIONS IF YOU START OVERLOOKING VIOLATIONS AND GIVING SECOND CHANCES."

WHEN FATHER SCHAEFER WAS URGED TO OVERLOOK A VIOLATION OR REDUCE THE NORMAL PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, HE SAYS THAT HE USUALLY ASKED THE OFFENDER IF SUCH ACTION WOULD BE FAIR TO OTHER STUDENTS.

"BEING FAIR AND CONSISTENT MEANT THAT I COULD NOT SET UP DOUBLE STANDARDS, LIKE PUNISHING A STUDENT WHO BREAKS A WINDOW IN HIS DORMITORY ONE DAY, THEN IGNORING ANOTHER STUDENT WHO BREAKS A WINDOW THE NEXT DAY WHO JUST HAPPENS TO HAVE A PARENT WITH A LOT OF POWER OR INFLUENCE."

HE RECALLS THAT DRINKING ON CAMPUS WAS THE VIOLATION HE MOST FREQUENTLY HAD TO DEAL WITH, BUT QUICKLY ADDS THAT HIS JOB CALLED FOR MEETING ALL SORTS OF SITUATIONS.

"DECISIONS IN CASES WEREN'T ALWAYS THAT EASY TO MAKE, SINCE FAIRNESS REQUIRES THAT YOU CONSIDER THE OFFENSE, THE PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED, AND ANY SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES," FATHER SCHAEFER SAYS. "THE MOST AGONIZING DECISION, OF COURSE; CAME WHEN YOUR ACTION MIGHT HAVE A STRONG IMPACT ON A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE.

"BUT THE FACT IS THAT PART OF MY JOB WAS HELPING YOUNG PERSONS TO LEARN LESSONS IN LIFE. I DIDN'T LOSE SLEEP ON ACCOUNT OF MY JOB; I SIMPLY LEARNED TO LIVE WITH IT."

FATHER SCHAEFER SAYS HE NOW LOOKS BACK ON HIS YEARS AS DEAN OF MEN AS BEING VERY SATISFACTORY IN THE SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING, AND HE THOROUGHLY ENJOYS RECEIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS OR CHANCE VISITS FROM FORMER STUDENTS.

"NEVERTHELESS, THE JOB AT TIMES COULD BE A BIT EXASPERATING SINCE THERE WAS NO WAY YOU COULD BE EVERYPLACE AT ONCE, KNOWING WHAT ALL THE STUDENTS WERE DOING ALL OF THE TIME," HE RECALLS. "I REMEMBER ONCE A PARENT ASKED ME IF I COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT A STUDENT DID HIS LAUNDRY PROPERLY AND KEPT HIMSELF ALWAYS DRESSED IN CLEAN CLOTHES. THAT'S SOMETHING WHERE YOU HAVE TO RESPOND THAT THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH YOU CAN DO IN LOOKING AFTER A STUDENT."

HE CITES ANOTHER EXAMPLE IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF QUIET STUDY HOURS: "I COULD KEEP A DORM QUIET DURING THESE HOURS, AND THEREBY PROMOTE THE PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR STUDY, BUT I COULDN'T MAKE THE STUDENT STUDY. THAT WAS HIS JOB."

STUDENT PREFECTS, WHO WERE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING ORDER IN THE DORMITORIES, WERE A BIG HELP TO FATHER SCHAEFER. "ONE YEAR I HAD QUITE A FEW PREFECTS WHO THEMSELVES HAD AT ONE TIME OR OTHER BEEN SUSPENDED FROM THE COLLEGE FOR VIOLATIONS OF RULES. THEY WERE VERY GOOD PREFECTS,



BECAUSE THEY KNEW AND IMPRESSED ON THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS THE CONVICTION THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO GAIN BY BREAKING THE RULES."

HE POINTS OUT THAT HE RECEIVED INCREASING SUPPORT FROM THE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION AS HIS WORK PROGRESSED, SINCE THOSE GROUPS CAME TO MORE CLEARLY UNDERSTAND HIS GOALS AND POLICIES.

"BUT I WAS CERTAINLY NO HERO, I JUST DID MY JOB" HE SAYS TODAY. "I'M OFTEN GIVEN TOO MUCH CREDIT, BECAUSE IN REALITY MUCH OF THE CREDIT BELONGS TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS WHO DID SO MUCH."

HE RECALLS WITH A SMILE MANY OF THE ANECDOTES AND STORIES THAT SURROUND HIS TIME HERE—SOME OF THEM TRUE, OTHERS EITHER ENTIRELY FALSE OR BASED LARGELY ON EMBELLISHED FACTS.

MOREOVER, HIS PAST SOMETIMES COMES BACK TO HIM IN THE MOST FAR-AWAY PLACES. ONCE, IN TANZANIA, HE MET A NUN WHO HAD BEEN A STUDENT AT ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS COLLEGE, A SCHOOL THAT FREQUENTLY SENT WOMEN TO SAINT JOSEPH'S FOR WEEKEND DANCES BEFORE SJC BECAME A COEDUCATIONAL SCHOOL.

DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, FATHER SCHAEFER TOLD HER HE ONCE HAD SERVED AT SAINT JOSEPH'S. UPON HEARING THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE, SHE RECALLED HAVING COME TO RENSSELAER FOR A FEW DANCES BUT ADDED "BOYS AND GIRLS COULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT EACH OTHER UP THERE BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME OLD GROUCH WHO WOULD GET AFTER YOU."

NATURALLY, THIS "OLD GROUCH" WAS FATHER SCHAEFER HIMSELF, GOING ABOUT HIS DUTIES OF ENFORCING COLLEGE RULES.

FATHER SCHAEFER ALSO HAS NOT FORGOTTEN TWO OF HIS FREQUENTLY-USED TERMS FROM HIS DAYS AS DEAN OF MEN. IN RECALLING VARIOUS ANECDOTES, HE OFTEN REFERS TO THE ACT OF BREAKING CAMPUS RULES AS "GOFFING OFF," AND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BREAKS SUCH RULES IS A "CLOWN."

WHEN HE LEFT SAINT JOSEPH'S IN 1962, HE SERVED AS PASTOR OF A SMALL PARISH AND MISSION AT UNDERWOOD, MINN., IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. CLOUD. HE WAS ELECTED

PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY'S KANSAS CITY PROVINCE IN APRIL, 1965, THEN WAS NAMED MODERATOR GENERAL IN 1971.

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT HE'S BEEN GONE FROM THE CAMPUS ALREADY FOR 15 YEARS. BUT NO MATTER WHAT THE YEAR OR OCCASION—OFTEN AT HOMECOMING—FATHER SCHAEFER IS ONE OF THE FIRST PERSONS RECALLED BY ALUMNI WHEN THEY REVISIT SAINT JOSEPH'S.

AND THE MEMORIES ARE POSITIVE ONES, FILLED WITH RESPECT AND THANKFULNESS. THAT FATHER SCHAEFER HELPED MAKE THE COLLEGE A BETTER PLACE TO GAIN A QUALITY EDUCATION.



The hazing of freshmen by sophomores was still practiced vigorously in the 1950's. In this picture several freshmen are compelled to crawl blindfolded through the mud, one of several kinds of indignities visited upon the freshmen during the first week of school. In the earlier years of the college hazing [or "initiation"] was associated with admission to the exclusive Raleigh [smoking] Club.



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S HONORS JAURON, 1956 FOOTBALL TEAM

(FIRST IN A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES)

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PAID FITTING TRIBUTE TO POSSIBLY ITS FINEST FOOTBALL TEAM EVER HERE DURING HOMECOMING WEEKEND IN MID-OCTOBER, AND IT BROUGHT BACK TO THE CAMPUS A MAN WHOSE COACHING GENIUS HAS MADE HIM A LEGEND IN THE PUMAS' ATHLETIC HISTORY: BOB JAURON.

A TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORED THE 1956 TEAM, A CLUB THAT OUTSCORED FOES 360-32 IN ROLLING TO AN 8-1-1 SEASON. THE TIE, A 0-0 STANDOFF WITH MONTANA STATE IN THE ALUMINUM BOWL AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK., BROUGHT SAINT JOSEPH'S THE ONLY NATIONAL TITLE IN ITS ATHLETIC HISTORY--THE NAIA CHAMPIONSHIP.

NOW LIVING IN SWAMPSCOTT, MASS., JAURON IS INVOLVED IN A HIGHLY-SUCCESSFUL SPORTING GOODS BUSINESS IN NASHUA, N.H. THIS HAS BEEN HIS PRIMARY OCCUPATION SINCE 1963, ALTHOUGH HE STILL FOUND TIME TO COACH AND SCOUT UNTIL 1969.

AFTER LEAVING SAINT JOSEPH'S IN 1958, HE COACHED A CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL TEAM IN KITCHENER, ONT., IN 1959, THEN COACHED AT MANCHESTER, N.H., IN 1960. IN 1961 HE COACHED LYNN (MASS.) LIONS HIGH SCHOOL AND IN 1962 HE HEADED THE PROGRAM AT LYNN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL. HE COACHED AT NEW BEDFORD (MASS.) HIGH SCHOOL IN 1963 AND 1964, ASSISTED THE PROGRAM AT XAVIER (OHIO) UNIVERSITY IN 1965 AND 1966 AND AT HOLY CROSS IN 1967, THEN COACHED CLUB FOOTBALL AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY IN WALTHAM, MASS., DURING 1968 AND 1969.

"I OPENED MY OWN SPORTING GOOD STORE IN 1965, AND THE BUSINESS WAS DOING SO WELL BY THE LATE 1960'S THAT I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME TO DEVOTE TO COACHING AND SCOUTING," HE SAYS.

JAURON HAS NO PROBLEM RECALLING HIS FIVE YEARS AS HEAD COACH OF THE PUMAS, DURING WHICH HIS TEAMS COMPILED A CUMULATIVE 32-13-1 RECORD. THAT'S A .712 WINNING PERCENTAGE, SECOND ONLY IN SJC FOOTBALL HISTORY TO JOE DIENHART'S 25-9-4 RECORD DURING 1938-42, A .736 PERCENTAGE.

"THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT FOR ME--A REAL TURNING POINT--WAS THE INDIANA STATE GAME IN 1954," HE RECALLS. "WE HAD LOST TO VALPARAISO BY 30-18 THE PREVIOUS WEEK, THEN HOSTED INDIANA STATE FOR HOMECOMING. WELL, WE WERE DOWN BY 20-0 GOING INTO THE FOURTH QUARTER, FACING A REAL DO-OR-DIE SITUATION.

"WE GOT TWO QUICK TOUCHDOWNS, THEN RALPH TITE THREW A LONG PASS TO BOB HAMMAN IN THE CLOSING MINUTES AND MERLE EFFING KICKED THE EXTRA POINT AND WE WON, 21-20. THIS WIN GAVE US OUR IMPETUS, AND SET THE TONE FOR OUR SUCCESSES THAT WERE TO FOLLOW."

TEAMWORK AND EXECUTION ARE LASTING TRADEMARKS OF JAURON'S SAINT JOE TEAMS, AND THE LONE WEAKNESS WAS A SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER.

"I ALWAYS SAID A TEAM IS NO STRONGER THAN ITS WEAKEST LINK, AND I WOULD HAVE STACKED OUR STARTERS UP AGAINST PLAYERS AT ANY BIG-TIME SCHOOL," HE SAYS. "WE USUALLY HAD 20 OR SO REALLY GREAT PLAYERS, BUT WE WOULD HAVE NEEDED ANOTHER 15 SCHOLARSHIPS OR SO TO COMPETE AGAINST LARGER SCHOOLS."

A SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL TEAM'S GOVERNANCE IS NOT SHAPED LIKE A DEMOCRACY. IT IS A DICTATORSHIP, JAURON POINTS OUT.

"THE KEY TO WINNING IS DISCIPLINE, AND THIS STARTS WITH SOUND PHYSICAL CONDITIONING, WHICH IS A TERRIFIC PLUS IN BUILDING TEAM MORALE," HE SAYS. "NEXT, YOU MUST BE A FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND TEAM THAT CAN EXECUTE THE FUNDAMENTALS WITH PRECISION AND SKILL."

JAURON STARTED BY STRESSING DEFENSE, AND HE CREDITS FRANK LEAHY, HIS UNDERGRADUATE COACH AT BOSTON COLLEGE, WITH FIRST SHOWING HIM THE IMPORTANCE



OF SOUND DEFENSE. NEXT, HIS IDEAS ON DEFENSE WERE BROADENED AND DEEPENED BY HIS CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE LATE CLARK SHAUGHNESSY, LONG-TIME DEFENSIVE COACHING GENIUS WITH THE CHICAGO BEARS.

"DEFENSE IS WHAT WINS GAMES; WHEN YOU CAN CONTROL WHAT THE OTHER GUY DOES WITH THE BALL, THEN YOU'RE A LONG WAY TOWARD CONTROLLING THE GAME," HE STRESSES. "NEXT, I ALWAYS MADE IT A POINT TO DEVELOP THE OFFENSIVE ARSENAL, AND SUCCESSFUL OFFENSE STARTS RIGHT UP FRONT--WITH THE BLOCKING."

JAURON NEVER BELIEVED IN THE USE OF FANCY GIMMICKS--HE UNDERSCORES FOOTBALL AS A HARD, FUNDAMENTAL GAME.

"I ALWAYS TOLD OUR GUYS TO TAKE IT TO THEM, AND I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SCOUTING YOUR OPPONENT CAREFULLY--KNOWING THEIR PERSONNEL, THEIR WEAKNESSES AND THEIR TENDENCIES," HE NOTES. "WHAT YOU TEACH YOUR PLAYERS AND HOW THEY PERFORM UNDER THE PRESSURE OF GAME SITUATIONS--THIS IS WHAT IT ALL REALLY COMES DOWN TO."

AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE, HOWEVER, JAURON CONCLUDES THAT "FOOTBALL IS REALLY A VERY SIMPLE GAME, BUT IT'S NOT AN EASY GAME. BUT THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT IS WORTH IT; THAT WINNING PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW MAKES UP FOR IT ALL."

SUBJECT: BOB JAURON--A PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

(SECOND IN A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- HIS HAIR IS FLECKED WITH A FEW MORE GRAY HAIRS AND HE APPEARS TO HAVE AGED, BUT EVER SO SLIGHTLY. BUT THE PERSON IS UNMISTAKABLE--BOB JAURON, ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL COACHES IN SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HISTORY.

HE RETURNED TO THE CAMPUS OF SOME OF HIS GREATEST COACHING VICTORIES DURING HOMECOMING WEEKEND, BRINGING WITH HIM REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST AND COMMENTS ON THE PRESENT WHICH DEEPENED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION HE HOLDS IN THE EYES OF MANY COLLEGE PERSONNEL, RANGING FROM HIS FORMER PLAYERS TO A CROSS-SECTION OF OTHER ALUMNI AS WELL AS COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS.

DESPITE HIS COACHING GENIUS, HOWEVER, JAURON DID NOT ALWAYS ENJOY THE UNIVERSAL RESPECT OFF THE FIELD THAT HE DID ON IT. FOR ONE THING, HE WAS AND STILL IS AN INTENSE MAN WHO BELIEVES STRONGLY IN AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO REACH HIS GOALS. AND AS SAINT JOSEPH'S FOOTBALL COACH, HIS GOALS WERE NOT SHARED BY EVERYONE ON THE CAMPUS.

"I WANTED SAINT JOSEPH'S TO BE KNOWN AS MORE THAN JUST AN ASPIRIN; IT WAS MY FEELING THAT SAINT JOSEPH'S MUST COME FIRST, AND THIS INCLUDED THE SPORT OF FOOTBALL," HE RECALLS. "IT WAS MY FEELING THAT YOU ONLY GET BETTER BY PLAYING THE BEST, AND I WANTED THE PUMAS TO PLAY PEOPLE LIKE PURDUE, XAVIER, MIAMI OF OHIO AND BOSTON COLLEGE."

JAURON'S DESIRE TO WIN, TO SELL THE COLLEGE AND GAIN IT A REPUTATION VIA FOOTBALL WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY ALL COLLEGE OFFICIALS, MANY OF WHOM OPPOSED THE



IDEA OF PLACING ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS INTO FOOTBALL.

"THIS CREATED A FEW PROBLEMS, AND IF I HAD IT TO DO OVER AGAIN, I WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE DECISIONS OF MY SUPERIORS," HE SAYS.

"I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T HAVE COACHED ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN I DID, BUT I CAN SEE NOW THAT I COULD HAVE BEEN MORE COOPERATIVE AND UNDERSTANDING OFF THE FIELD."

ACCORDINGLY, JAURON'S INTENSITY (EVIDENT STILL TODAY WHEN HE TALKS FOOTBALL), HIS WILL TO WIN AND HIS DESIRE FOR INSTANT SUCCESS AT SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS NOT MATCHED BY A COLLEGE THAT RIGHTFULLY THEN AND NOW CENTERS ITS PRIORITIES ON ACADEMICS. IT CREATED A CERTAIN TENSION FOR JAURON, A TENSION THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S.

BUT IF HIS PARTING IN 1958 WAS NOT A TOTALLY HAPPY ONE, HIS RETURN TO COLLEGEVILLE FOR HOMECOMING 1976 WAS INDEED A HEARTWARMING, HEALING EXPERIENCE.

IT WAS A TIME WHEN COLLEGE ALUMNI AND OFFICIALS SAID A SINCERE "WELCOME HOME" TO ONE OF ITS GREATEST COACHES EVER, AND A TIME WHEN THAT COACH, SPEAKING WITH DEEP EMOTION, TOLD A HUSHED AUDIENCE AT A TESTIMONIAL DINNER "I NEVER ENJOYED A COACHING JOB MORE THAN MY FIVE YEARS HERE--IT WAS THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE."

DURING THE WEEKEND ON CAMPUS, JAURON SPOKE FONDLY OF HIS MANY OLD SAINT JOE FRIENDS, RANGING FROM FATHER JOSEPH OTTE, FORMER COLLEGE TREASURER ("A VERY UNDERSTANDING MAN WHO KNEW HOW TO HANDLE ME") TO CURRENT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RICHARD SCHARF ("WHAT A KIND MAN, WHAT A TRUE GENTLEMAN") TO FORMER PUMA COACH JOE DIENHART ("A REAL CREDIT TO SAINT JOE AND TO THE PROFESSION OF COACHING").

POSSIBLY THE MOST ACCURATE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF JAURON CAN BE DERIVED FROM ONE OF HIS HOMECOMING WEEKEND COMMENTS: "I DON'T THINK I'VE CHANGED A WHOLE LOT--I STILL HAVE MY UPS AND DOWNS AND GET UPSET AT TIMES, AND I STILL DISLIKE NOTHING MORE THAN A LIAR, A CHEAT OR A COWARD."

AND TODAY, AS ALWAYS, JAURON IS THE EXTREME OPPOSITE OF WHAT HE DISLIKES, FOR HE TELLS THE TRUTH IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD, UNVARNISHED FASHION AND PLAYS THE GAME OF LIFE THE SAME WAY HE DID THE GAME OF FOOTBALL—HONESTLY, ACCORDING TO THE RULES. MOREOVER, HE SPEAKS HIS CONVICTIONS FORCEFULLY WITHOUT LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER TO SEE FIRST IF HIS BELIEFS WILL MEET WITH PUBLIC APPROVAL.

FINALLY, AND POSSIBLY MOST IMPORTANT, BOB JAURON TODAY IS A MAN AT PEACE WITH HIMSELF AND THOSE AROUND HIM. BLESSED WITH A WONDERFUL WIFE, KAY, AND FIVE CHILDREN (WAYNE, 31; ROBERT, 29; RICHARD, 26; SUSAN, 25 AND MICHAEL, 20) HE APPEARS TO BE BOTH HAPPY AND FULFILLED.

AND THAT, AFTER ALL, IS WHAT THIS GAME OF LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.

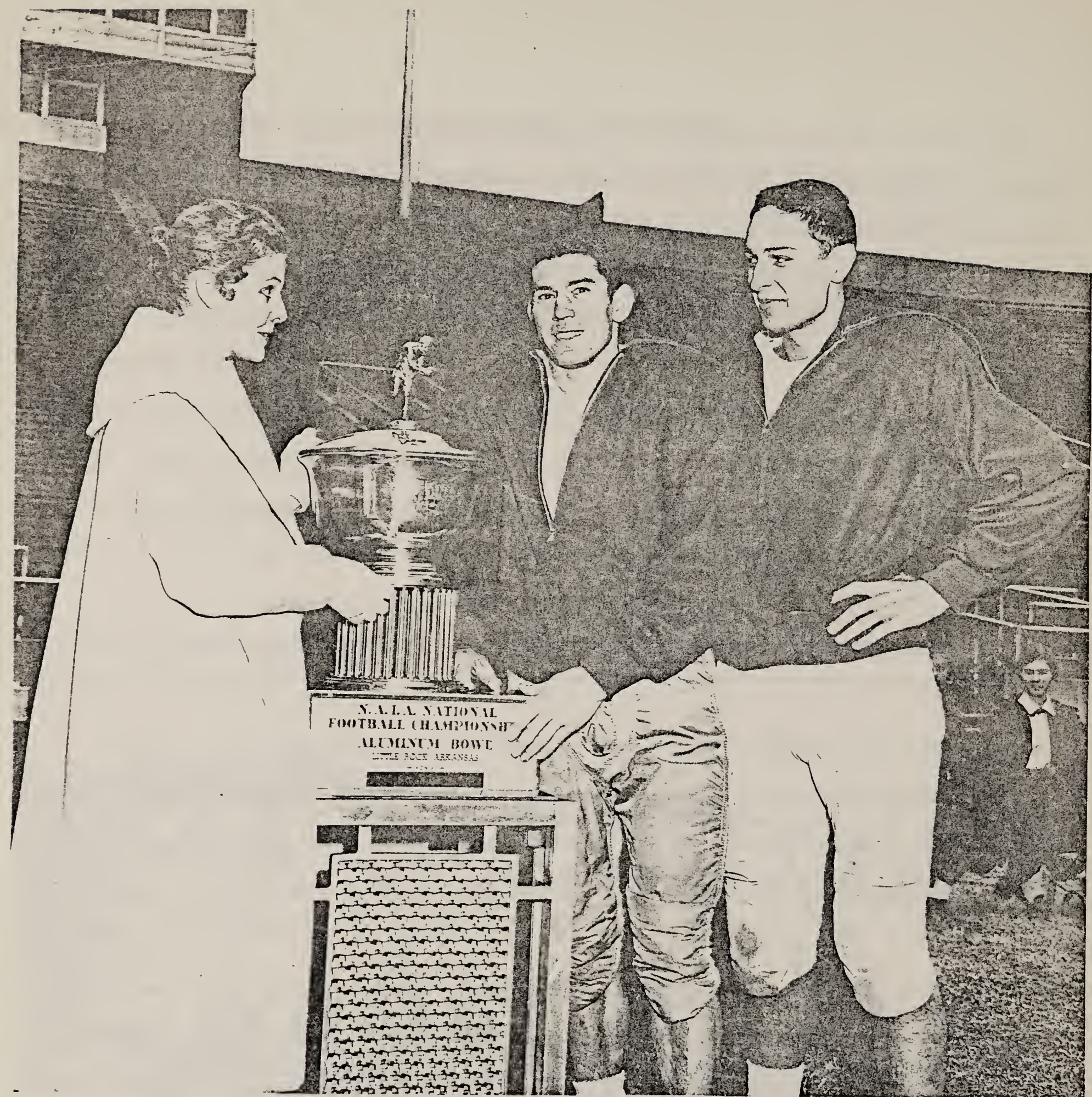


**Row one:** J. Fitzpatrick, N. Daigle, T. Deem, J. Fox, R. Knight, R. Tite, D. Lyman, J. Tegtmeyer, R. Banary, J. Stuber, B. Riegle, J. Hammer, Head Coach Robert Jauron.

**Row two:** Assistant Coach O'Connell, G. Sherwood, E. Labbe, R. Shuhet, D. Cote, B. Brinkman, K. Fingerhut, P. Scherschel, J. Selinger, M. Murphy, F. Mulcahey.

**Row Three:** Assistant Coach Shemky, J. O'Brien, A. Kurek, D. Hagye, H. Alesia, B. Beland, K. Bates, T. Faylor, T. Huhn, J. Kobza, C. Batie.





The Aluminum Bowl Trophy, 1956



SUBJECT: SJC PROGRESSES ON ALL FRONTS UNDER FATHER BANET

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — MORE THAN A DECADE HAS ALREADY ELAPSED SINCE FATHER CHARLES BANET BECAME THE 13TH PRESIDENT OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE ON JUNE 7, 1965, AND DURING HIS LEADERSHIP THE SCHOOL HAS PROGRESSED ACADEMICALLY, CULTURALLY, SOCIALLY, RELIGIOUSLY AND ATHLETICALLY.

MOREOVER, DURING A PERIOD OF INFLATION AND SEVERE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES TO THIS NATION'S PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, SAINT JOSEPH'S HAS SHOWN AN IMPROVING FINANCIAL PROFILE AS GIFTS FROM ALUMNI, FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE NOW AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH.

FATHER BANET HAD SERVED SAINT JOSEPH'S AS ITS HEAD LIBRARIAN FOR 12 YEARS WHEN HE BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HIS ELECTION FOLLOWED A CONSULTATIVE VOTE OF THE FACULTY--AN INDICATION THAT THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS WERE SOON TO GAIN A GREATER VOICE IN THE OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DURING THE LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S.

ONE OF FATHER BANET'S FIRST PROJECTS WAS TO SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL TO MODERNIZE THE COLLEGE CHARTER AND TO CLARIFY THE PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE OF THE CORPORATION. ONE IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS WAS THE ADDITION ON JUNE 16, 1966 OF FIVE LAY MEMBERS TO THE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THIS MARKED THE FIRST TIME THAT ANYONE



OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY HAD SERVED ON THE BOARD, AND THIS LAUNCHED A TREND THAT HAS SINCE SWEEPED MANY OTHER CATHOLIC COLLEGES.

THIS BOARD WAS ENLARGED FROM 11 TO 40 ON OCT. 4, 1974, WITH MOST MEMBERS OF THE EARLIER ADVISORY BOARD OF LAY TRUSTEES BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNING BOARD. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY STILL HAS JUST SIX MEMBERS ON THIS BOARD, AND IT HAS BEEN ABLY SERVED BY THE FIRST LAY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, G. RICHARD SCHREIBER, A 1943 ALUMNUS, AND HIS RECENT SUCCESSOR, JAMES J. CARMODY.

IN KEEPING WITH FATHER BANET'S POLICY OF PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE, ONE FACULTY AND ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ARE BOARD MEMBERS. MOREOVER, WHAT IS TRUE OF BROADER REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS DUPLICATED IN OTHER COMMITTEES IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

FATHER BANET'S ADMINISTRATION ALSO HAS TACKLED PROJECTIONS OF A DECLINING ENROLLMENT, AND THE FIRST STEP TAKEN WAS THE DECISION TO MAKE THE CAMPUS COEDUCATIONAL. JUSTIN HALL, THE NEWEST AND LARGEST DORMITORY, WAS COMPLETED IN 1968 AND WOMEN RESIDENTS JOINED THE CAMPUS POPULATION THAT FALL.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT HIT AN ALL-TIME PEAK AT 1454 IN THE FALL OF 1969, AND THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN ON CAMPUS ENTAILED FURTHER ORGANIZATIONAL AND CURRICULAR CHANGES.

AN INNOVATION PERHAPS EQUALLING COEDUCATION IN SIGNIFICANCE WAS THE RADICAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE PRESENT CORE PROGRAM, WHICH WAS BEGUN WITH THE FRESHMAN CLASS IN THE FALL OF 1969. THE PROGRAM HAS WON WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION FROM EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, AND MANY OTHER SCHOOLS ARE NOW TAKING STEPS TO FOLLOW SAINT JOSEPH'S PIONEERING PATH.

SUPPORT FROM ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE LILLY ENDOWMENT, INC., WITH GRANTS UP TO \$250,000, PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE ACCLAIM THE CORE PROGRAM HAS MERITED.

THE LATE 1960'S WAS A PERIOD OF UNREST ON MANY COLLEGE CAMPUSES, BUT IT WAS MORE A TIME FOR OPEN DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING AT SAINT JOSEPH'S. FATHER BANET HAS RUN AN "OPEN" ADMINISTRATION, EXEMPLIFIED BY HIS PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE, AND THE RESULTS WERE EVIDENT DURING THE LATE SIXTIES.

WHILE MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SUFFERED THROUGH PERIODS OF VIOLENCE, COLLEGEVILLE REMAINED CALM AND QUIET. STUDENT PROTESTS HAVE NOT BEEN ENTIRELY ABSENT--THE CAFETERIA FOOD, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS PERIODICALLY DRAWN CRITICISM--BUT PROTESTS HAVE BEEN REGULARLY MET WITH OPEN ADMINISTRATIVE DOORS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

NOTHING WAS MORE SHOCKING, HOWEVER, THAN THE LOSS OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO FIRE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEB. 4, 1973. IT WAS PROBABLY A GREATER SHOCK THAN THE "OLD GYM" FIRE OF 1914 BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FACING THE SCHOOL AT THE TIME, BUT ALL MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE FAMILY QUICKLY UNITED TO TURN DISASTER INTO SOMETHING POSITIVE.

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AREA RESIDENTS, ALUMNI, PARENTS, TRUSTEES AND ALL FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE UNITED IN A FRESH AND MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COLLEGE. THE BRICK-BY-BRICK FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN HAS RAISED APPROXIMATELY \$2,000,000 FOR RECOVERY FROM FIRE LOSSES AND UP TO NOW THE RECOVERY HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY RENOVATION AND FUNCTIONAL REASSIGNMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO XAVIER HALL, WHICH WAS FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY SEMINARIANS, AND THE FACULTY OFFICES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO GASPAR HALL, FORMERLY A STUDENT DORMITORY.

ACADEMIC INNOVATION CONTINUED IN 1972 WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN MUSIC WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CHURCH MUSIC. FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION THIS SAME YEAR, THE PROGRAM GRADUATED ITS FIRST



M.A. CANDIDATE IN 1974. THE BEGINNINGS OF THE MUSIC PROGRAM WERE LAID IN 1960 WITH THE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF LITURGICAL MUSIC.

FINALLY, AFTER 22 YEARS, SAINT JOSEPH'S BRANCH CAMPUS IN EAST CHICAGO, IND., WAS FORMALLY DETACHED, AND ON DEC. 7, 1973, IT WAS NAMED CALUMET COLLEGE. FATHER BANET HAD INITIATED ACTION TOWARDS THIS GOAL IN 1965.



Rev. Charles Banet

SUBJECT: JUSTIN HALL REPRESENTS MILESTONE IN COLLEGE HISTORY

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- JUSTIN HALL, THE NEWEST AND LARGEST DORMITORY ON THE SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CAMPUS, WOULD HARDLY RATE AN HISTORICAL NOTE, EXCEPT TO REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN COLLEGE HISTORY.

COEDUCATION CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S WHEN 80 GIRLS TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN THE NOT-YET-COMPLETED JUSTIN HALL IN THE FALL OF 1968. BUT PRECEDENTS FOR THIS REVERSAL OF ALL-MALE TRADITION AT COLLEGEVILLE ARE READILY DOCUMENTED IN SCHOOL HISTORY.

IT WAS IN THE SUMMER OF 1942 THAT THE FIRST GIRL, PHYLLIS CATT OF RENSSELAER, MADE HER APPEARANCE ON THE CAMPUS TO ATTEND A SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE IN CHEMISTRY. THEN IN 1948, NUNS BEGAN TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH RESIDENCE ON CAMPUS. THE FIRST DORMITORY TO BE OCCUPIED BY THEM WAS DREXEL HALL.

THE FIRST GIRL TO ATTEND CLASSES DURING A REGULAR SCHOOL TERM WAS MARY LOU WORLAND OF RENSSELAER, WHO CAME FOR THE WINTER SEMESTER OF 1952.

ON MAY 10, 1956, THE COLLEGE BOARD OF CONTROL APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GIRL'S COLLEGE TO BE BUILT EAST OF U.S. 231, JUST SOUTH OF DREXEL HALL. THE SCHOOL WAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF DAYTON, OHIO. THREE OF THEIR NUNS JOINED THE FACULTY AT THAT TIME IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MOVE, BUT NOTHING CAME OF THE VENTURE, AND IN 1961 THE THREE TEACHING NUNS LEFT.



IN THE 1960'S, SENTIMENT FOR COEDUCATION AS A THING DESIRABLE IN ITSELF GREW STRONG, AND THIS ARGUMENT WAS FORTIFIED BY THE PROSPECT THAT STUDENT RECRUITMENT WOULD THEREBY BE MADE EASIER. THE BOARD OF CONTROL APPROVED THE IDEA ON AUG. 4, 1967, AND A YEAR LATER IT WAS IMPLEMENTED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF JUSTIN HALL.

THE NEW GIRLS' DORM WAS NAMED AFTER JUSTIN OPPENHEIM, A FARM IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURER AND INVENTOR FROM COLDWATER, OHIO, WHO ALSO WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S LAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ALTHOUGH JUSTIN HALL WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT TO BE A DORM FOR WOMEN STUDENTS, COEDS WERE NOT ITS FIRST INHABITANTS. THAT DISTINCTION BELONGS TO THE CHICAGO BEARS, WHO OCCUPIED JUSTIN IN THE SUMMER OF 1968, PRECEDING THE FIRST FEMALE RESIDENT STUDENTS WHO MOVED IN A FEW MONTHS LATER.

SUBJECT: GASPAR HALL SEES MANY SERVICES DURING ITS 79 YEARS

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- BEHIND EACH BUILDING ON SAINT JOSEPH'S CAMPUS LIES A STORY OF SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BUT IN TERMS OF VARIED SERVICES TO THIS COLLEGE, IT'S HARD TO TOP THE HISTORY OF GASPAR HALL.

ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1897 TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR FACILITIES THAT WERE BECOMING TOO CRAMPED IN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GASPAR WAS FIRST KNOWN AS THE MINIM BUILDING--ALLOWING SEPARATE FACILITIES FOR THE "MINIMS"--PUPILS OF GRADE SCHOOL AGE (ROUGHLY 12-14) WHO STUDIED HERE.

MINIMS OCCUPIED THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS WHERE A STUDY HALL, CLASSROOM AND DORMITORY WERE INCLUDED, AND THE FIRST FLOOR WAS MADE INTO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT WITH EIGHT SMALL ROOMS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE AND A LARGER ROOM FOR BAND AND ORCHESTRA.

BY THE FALL OF 1899, THE CATALOG NO LONGER ADVERTISED THE "MINIM" PROGRAM AND THE SECOND FLOOR WAS MADE INTO AN EXTENSION OF THE MUSIC SECTION. AFTER 1899, THE HALL WAS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS CAECILIA HALL AFTER ST. CAECILIA, THE PATRONESS OF MUSIC.

WHEN THE "OLD GYM" WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE PRESENT SCIENCE HALL IN 1904-05, THE GYMNASIUM IN THE BASEMENT OF GASPAR PLUS THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT WERE MOVED INTO THE NEW BUILDING. DURING 1905-40, GASPAR WAS KNOWN AS THE FACULTY BUILDING--PRINCIPALLY THE RESIDENCE FOR THE PRIESTS, WHO AT THAT TIME CONSTITUTED NEARLY THE ENTIRE FACULTY.



BETTER RESIDENCE FACILITIES FOR THE COLLEGE MEN BECAME A MUST IN 1935, WHEN IT WAS DECIDED FOR THE COLLEGE TO BECOME A SENIOR COLLEGE. IN 1936-37, THE JUNIOR CLASS LIVED SEPARATELY ON THE CAMPUS IN THE NEW WEST SCIENCE HALL, BUT STILL IN COMMON DORM FASHION, EITHER ON THE SECOND OR THIRD FLOOR. THE FOLLOWING YEAR, JUNIORS AND SENIORS MOVED INTO DREXEL HALL, THE FIRST BUILDING WITH SEMI-PRIVATE ROOMS.

ENROLLMENT KEPT AHEAD OF FACILITIES, AND IN THE FALL OF 1938 THE FRESHMEN WERE PUT INTO DWENGER HALL AND IN THE FALL OF 1939 THE NEW SEIFERT HALL WAS OPENED. IN 1940 THE FACULTY MOVED OUT OF GASPAR TO THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND STUDENTS THEN MOVED INTO GASPAR, WHICH WAS GIVEN ITS PRESENT NAME AFTER ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

GASPAR BECAME THE FACULTY OFFICE BUILDING IN 1973, WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FIRE DESTROYED FACULTY OFFICES IN THAT STRUCTURE.

GASPAR'S BASEMENT OWNS A HISTORY ALL ITS OWN. ORIGINALLY A GYMNASIUM AND CLUBROOM, THE BASEMENT CONTINUED AS A STUDENT CLUBROOM AFTER ERECTION OF THE "OLD GYM" IN 1905. THE TERM "RALEIGH" HAS A LONG TRADITION AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND THIS EARLY RALEIGH CLUB WAS APPARENTLY NAMED AFTER THE POPULAR BRAND OF PIPE TOBACCO.

USE OF TOBACCO ON CAMPUS WAS RESTRICTED, AND THIS RELATIVELY EXCLUSIVE CLUB WAS ONE PLACE WHERE SMOKING WAS PERMITTED--CIGARS AND CHEWING TOBACCO WERE FOR SOME TIME ALL THAT WAS ALLOWED, SINCE CIGARETTES WERE OUTLAWED ON CAMPUS UNTIL THE 1930'S.

VARIOUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WERE ADDED TO THE RALEIGH CLUBROOM, INCLUDING POOL TABLES, A PING PONG TABLE, POPULAR READING MATERIAL AND CARD TABLES, PLUS SPITTOONS FOR THE MANY TOBACCO CHEWERS.

WHEN Science Hall WAS BUILT IN 1916, THE RALEIGH CLUB MOVED INTO SCIENCE HALL AND FOR MANY YEARS OCCUPIED THE SPACE NOW APPROXIMATELY REPRESENTED BY THE WEST PART OF THE LIBRARY REFERENCE ROOM, UNTIL ABOUT 1940 WHEN THE LIBRARY WAS MOVED THERE. THEN THE RALEIGH CLUBROOM MOVED DOWNSTAIRS TO WHAT IS NOW PART OF THE LIBRARY STACKS.

COLLEGE RECORDS INDICATE THE RALEIGH CLUB BECAME DEFUNCT BY 1945, AND PERHAPS A REASON FOR THIS WAS THE INFLUX OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

AFTER 1916 THE CLUBROOM BENEATH GASPAR BECAME A SMOKING ROOM FOR C.P.P.S. STUDENTS AND CONTINUED SO UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1925. ONE SMALL SHOP IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE BASEMENT WAS CONTINUED BY POPULAR DEMAND UNTIL THE 1940'S--A CANDY SHOP WHERE STUDENTS COULD ALSO PURCHASE SODA POP AND ICE CREAM.

FROM 1939-47 THE GASPAR HALL BASEMENT WAS USED FOR THE POPULAR "J" CAFE, FEATURING TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR INFORMAL RECREATION AND A BAR THAT DISPENSED COFFEE, SANDWICHES AND SODAS. FINALLY, IN 1947, WHEN THE "J" CAFE WAS MOVED INTO THE NEWLY-ERECTED ARMY SURPLUS BUILDING WHICH IS NOW RALEIGH HALL, THE GASPAR BASEMENT BECAME THE BOOKSTORE.

PREVIOUSLY THE BOOKSTORE WAS IN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE NORTH END OF THE BASEMENT, BUT NOW ITS ADDITIONAL SPACE IN GASPAR PERMITTED SELLING OF NON-BOOK ITEMS, TOO. IN 1963, WITH THE COMPLETION OF HALLECK CENTER, THE BOOKSTORE ENTERED ITS PRESENT QUARTERS THERE AND THE RALEIGH HALL RECREATION CENTER WAS RELOCATED IN THE HALLECK CENTER BASEMENT.



Candy Store in the 1930's  
in Gaspar Hall basement.



SUBJECT: VARIED COLLEGE MEMORIES ASSOCIATED WITH HALLECK CENTER

RENSSELAER, IND. — HALLECK CENTER RECALLS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, FIRST BECAUSE THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE CAMPUS WHERE IT NOW STANDS WAS THE SITE OF A SCHOOL LANDMARK AS EARLY AS 1900.

IN 1900, A LARGE BANK BARN, FLANKED BY TWO SILOS AND REPORTEDLY THE LARGEST FARM STRUCTURE IN INDIANA AT THAT TIME, WAS ERECTED ON THE APPROXIMATE SITE OF HALLECK CENTER. OTHER SMALLER BARNS STOOD IN THE VICINITY OF SEIFERT HALL.

A LARGE AMOUNT OF HAY, STRAW AND GRAIN PLUS THE COLLEGE DAIRY HERD WERE HOUSED IN THE LARGE BANK BARN, WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED MOSTLY OF OAK FROM TREES THAT STILL STOOD ON COLLEGE PROPERTY AT THAT TIME.

IN 1921, WHEN THE PRESENT POWERHOUSE WAS BEING BUILT, OTHER NEW FARM BUILDINGS WERE ADDED ABOUT WHERE NOLL HALL NOW STANDS, AND SEVERAL BARNS WERE CLEARED AWAY. IT WAS IN 1954, IN PREPARATION FOR BUILDING NOLL AND BENNETT HALLS, THAT ALL THE BARNS WERE REMOVED.

A SMALLER BUT MORE MODERN FACILITY FOR THE DAIRY HERD WAS ERECTED MUCH FARTHER WEST, WHERE THE ELECTRIC SHOP NOW IS LOCATED. THUS, HALLECK CENTER TOOK THE PLACE OF A HUGE BARN THAT HAD GIVEN 54 YEARS OF SERVICE, AND MIGHT HAVE SERVED LONGER HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE COLLEGE EXPANSION PROGRAM.

HALLECK CENTER IS NAMED AFTER FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES HALLECK OF RENSSELAER, WHO REPRESENTED INDIANA'S SECOND DISTRICT IN CONGRESS DURING

1935-69 AND DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS A NATIONAL FIGURE IN MANY WAYS.

A DEVOTED AND LOYAL FRIEND OF SAINT JOSEPH'S, HALLECK WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING FEDERAL LOANS THAT MADE POSSIBLE SIX MAJOR BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS BETWEEN 1955 AND 1963. HIGHLIGHTING THE COMPLETION OF HALLECK CENTER WAS THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE ON SEPT. 13, 1962, WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER VISITED THE CAMPUS TO PERFORM THE HONORS.

COLLEGE STUDENTS RECALL THE BEGINNINGS OF HALLECK CENTER FOR SEVERAL REASONS, MOST OF WHICH CONCERN ITS VARIED FUNCTIONS. CURRENTLY THE BUILDING HOUSES THE STUDENT DINING ROOM, A BALLROOM, BOOKSTORE, LOUNGES AND A GRILL AREA, MEETING ROOMS, OFFICES OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PERSONNEL DEAN, STUDENT PUBLICATIONS AND THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

THE RALEIGH ROOM GRILL IN HALLECK CENTER'S BASEMENT REPLACED OLD RALEIGH HALL AS A STUDENT GATHERING SPOT. THE RALEIGH ROOM WAS SLOW TO WIN STUDENT POPULARITY AT FIRST, BECAUSE THOSE WHO REMEMBERED RALEIGH HALL LIKED ITS BETWEEN-CLASS COFFEE-AND-SNACK ROUTINE, ITS LIVELY JUKE BOX AND FRIENDLY MANAGEMENT OF PEOPLE LIKE BROTHER GERARD VONHAGEL.

INCIDENTALLY, RALEIGH HALL WAS A VERY PLAIN GOVERNMENT SURPLUS BUILDING WHEN IT WAS ERECTED IN 1947, BUT A BRICK VENEER FINISH IMPROVED ITS APPEARANCE IMMEASURABLY. INTERIOR ADDITIONS SUCH AS THE BARBERSHOP AND SNACK BAR GUARANTEED A STEADY FLOW OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS.

IF HALLECK CENTER DIDN'T WIN IMMEDIATE STUDENT POPULARITY, HOWEVER, IT CERTAINLY DID BECOME SUMMERTIME'S MOST ATTRACTIVE FACILITY DUE TO ITS CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING. SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS PREFERRED THE BUILDING FOR CLASSES AND OFTEN USED THE LOUNGE AREAS TO STUDY.

POSSIBLY THE BIGGEST IMPROVEMENT WAS THE BOOKSTORE. DURING 1947-63 THAT STORE WAS LOCATED IN CRAMPED FACILITIES BELOW GASPAR HALL, BUT IT HAS ENJOYED MUSHROOMING POPULARITY IN NEW, MORE SPACIOUS QUARTERS DURING ITS 13 YEARS IN HALLECK CENTER.



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S FLAGSTAFF WAS EARLY ALUMNI PROJECT

RENSSELAER, IND. — WHEN SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HOISTED ITS UNITED STATES, INDIANA AND BICENTENNIAL FLAGS IN FRONT OF HALLECK CENTER SEPT. 13, THE CEREMONIES SURROUNDED A FLAGSTAFF WITH A LONG AND NOTEWORTHY HISTORY.

- THIS FLAGSTAFF REPRESENTS THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT ALUMNI EFFORT TO PROVIDE SOMETHING FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S IN A FINANCIAL WAY, REPORTS FATHER DOMINIC G. GERLACH, COLLEGE ARCHIVIST AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND GERMAN.

DEDICATED IN JUNE OF 1909, THE FLAGSTAFF, THE FIRST COLLEGE FLAG AND ALL COSTS INVOLVED IN INSTALLING THE STAFF ON CAMPUS WERE PAID FOR BY 62 ALUMNI WHO CONTRIBUTED FROM \$1 TO \$10 EACH IN A COLLECTION THAT RAISED \$228.

JUNE 15, 1909, WAS DEDICATION DAY, AND IT BEGAN IN THE AFTERNOON WITH AN OPEN AIR BAND CONCERT. FATHER ARNOLD WEYMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PRESENTED THE FLAGSTAFF AND INTRODUCED THE GUEST SPEAKER, FATHER JULIUS SEIMETZ '96, WHO TRACED THE HISTORY OF THE FLAG AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. "IT IS THE FLAG THAT REPRESENTS HONOR, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY TO ALL MANKIND," HE STRESSED.

BISHOP ALERDING SPOKE NEXT, NOTING THAT "WE ARE COMPOSED OF MANY NATIONALITIES, BUT IT IS FOR US TO TAKE THE BEST QUALITIES OF EACH AND OUT OF THAT WE MUST FORM THE TYPICAL AMERICAN CITIZEN."

FATHER THOMAS CONROY, SECRETARY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWED WITH A SHORT ADDRESS BEFORE THE FLAG WAS HOISTED TO THE TOP OF THE 110-FOOT HIGH STAFF.

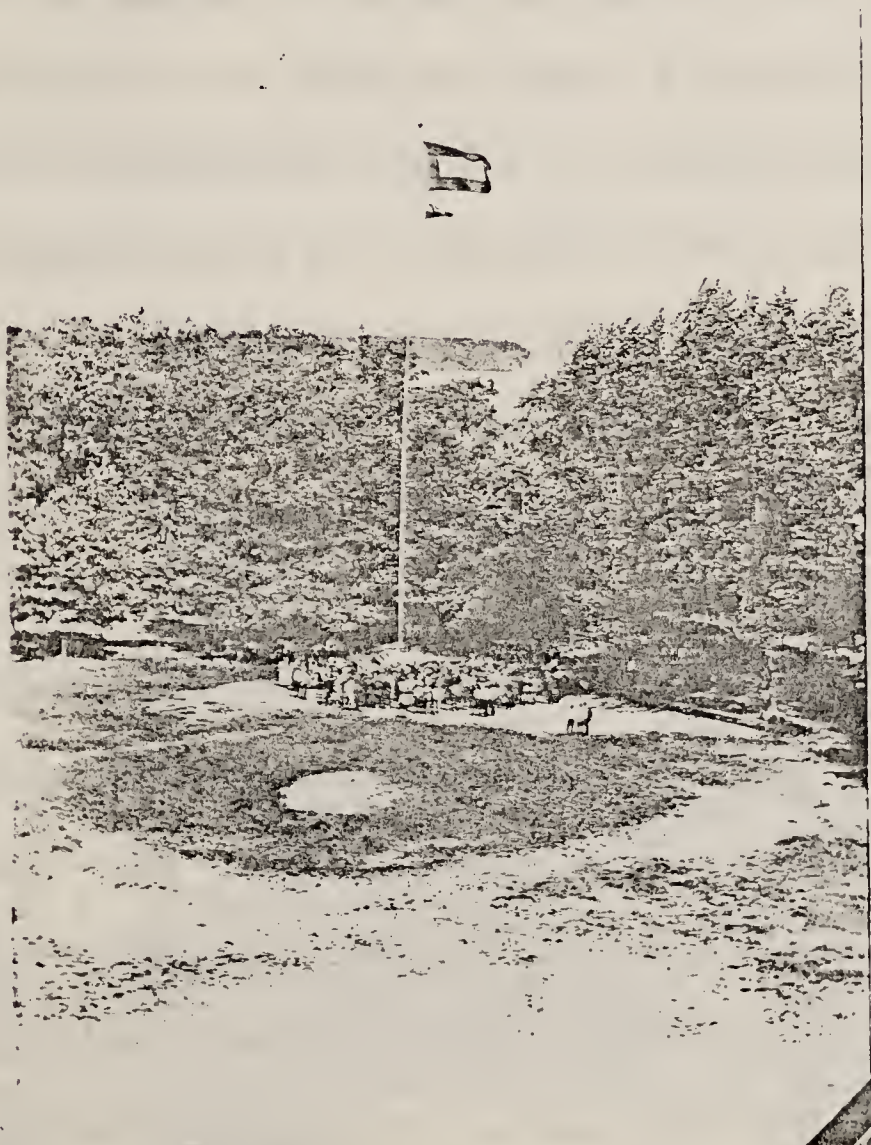
FATHER GERLACH SAYS THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAD DECIDED IN 1908 TO RAISE

THE FLAGSTAFF MONEY. PREVIOUSLY, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S CONTRIBUTIONS HAD BEEN LIMITED TO ANNUAL AWARDS AND MEDALS FOR STUDENTS.

THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME FLAGS WAVED ABOVE THE CAMPUS—BEFORE THIS, THE PRINCIPAL FLAG HUNG FROM A POLE ATOP THE CENTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. OLD PHOTOGRAPHS ALSO REVEAL A FLAG ABOVE THE OLD GYM, WHICH STOOD APPROXIMATELY WHERE THE SCIENCE BUILDING DOES TODAY.

LAST JULY, THE FLAGSTAFF WAS MOVED FROM ITS OLD PLACE EAST OF THE SCIENCE BUILDING NEAR THE MAIN COLLEGE ENTRANCE TO THE FRONT TERRACE OF HALLECK CENTER.

HERE ITS FLAGS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY VISIBLE TO PERSONS ALMOST ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS.



On July 4, 1918, there was a solemn raising of the "service flag" with 120 stars representing former SJC students then in the country's armed forces. The pennant beneath represented the colors of the graduation class.



SUBJECT: SAINT JOSEPH'S GROTTO MARKS 75TH ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY

RENSSELAER, IND. — ONE OF THE MOST PEACEFUL, BEAUTIFUL SITES ON SAINT JOSEPH'S CAMPUS MARKS ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY—THE LOURDES GROTTO, A MASTERFUL WORK THAT COMBINES STONE, WATER AND FLOWERS IN AN OUTDOOR SETTING THAT IS A DELIGHT TO PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMPUS VISITORS.

THE GROTTO WAS BUILT IN TWO STAGES, WITH THE FIRST PORTION COMPLETED UNDER THE DIRECTION AND INSPIRATION OF FAUSTIN BERNARD ERSING, A PRECIOUS BLOOD SEMINARIAN. FOLLOWING ITS CONSTRUCTION DURING THE SUMMER OF 1898, DEDICATION WAS APPROPRIATELY HELD ON DEC. 8, 1898, THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

DESPITE A COLD AND BLUSTERY DAY, A PUBLIC PROCESSION OF STUDENTS AND CLERGY TO THE GROVE PRECEDED THE GOTTO'S BLESSING. THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER, THE COLLEGIAN, DESCRIBED THE GROTTO AS "SITUATED AT THE SOUTH END OF THE GROVE, ENCIRCLED BY A FEW STURDY OAKS SPREADING OUT THEIR ENORMOUS LIMBS FOR PROTECTION AND COOLING SHADE. WITH ARCHED WALLS OF UNHEWN ROCK, IT RESEMBLES A NATURAL HOLLOW IN SOLID STONE."

THE COLLEGIAN FURTHER DESCRIBES THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN PLACED ATOP A ROCK OVERGROWN WITH A ROSEBUSH, THE FLOWING SPRING WATER AND THE STATUE OF THE SHEPHERD GIRL BERNADETTE LOOKING AT THE VISION. "MANY A ONE, AFTER A WEARY DAY'S WORK, SHALL FEEL HIMSELF REFRESHED, WHEN AT THE FOOT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER HE LAYS BARE HIS HEART IN PRAYER AND THROUGH THE RUSTLING LEAVES SHE IN RETURN WHISPERS CONSOLATION AND INTERIOR PEACE," THE COLLEGIAN WROTE.

A SECOND DEDICATION OF THE GROTTO OCCURRED NOV. 15, 1931, FIVE DAYS AFTER A PICTURE OF THE COMPLETED GROTTO APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE RENSSELAER

REPUBLICAN. THE GROTTO'S ENLARGEMENT WAS A WORK OF LOVE FOR FATHER ALBIN

SCHEIDLER, ASSISTED BY SEVERAL SEMINARIANS, WHO UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MEINRAD PARZINGER OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, BROUGHT ROCKS AND BOULDERS FROM SURROUNDING AREAS.

WHEN FINISHED, THEY HAD COLLECTED MORE THAN 1200 TONS OF STONE AND CEMENT, AND THE GROTTO DIMENSIONS REACHED 254 FEET IN LENGTH AND 22 FEET AT ITS HIGH POINT. BROTHER CLETUS SCHEUER RECALLS HOW THE WORKERS LABORED WITH WHEELBARROWS ON WOODEN PLANKS TO POUR THE CEMENT.

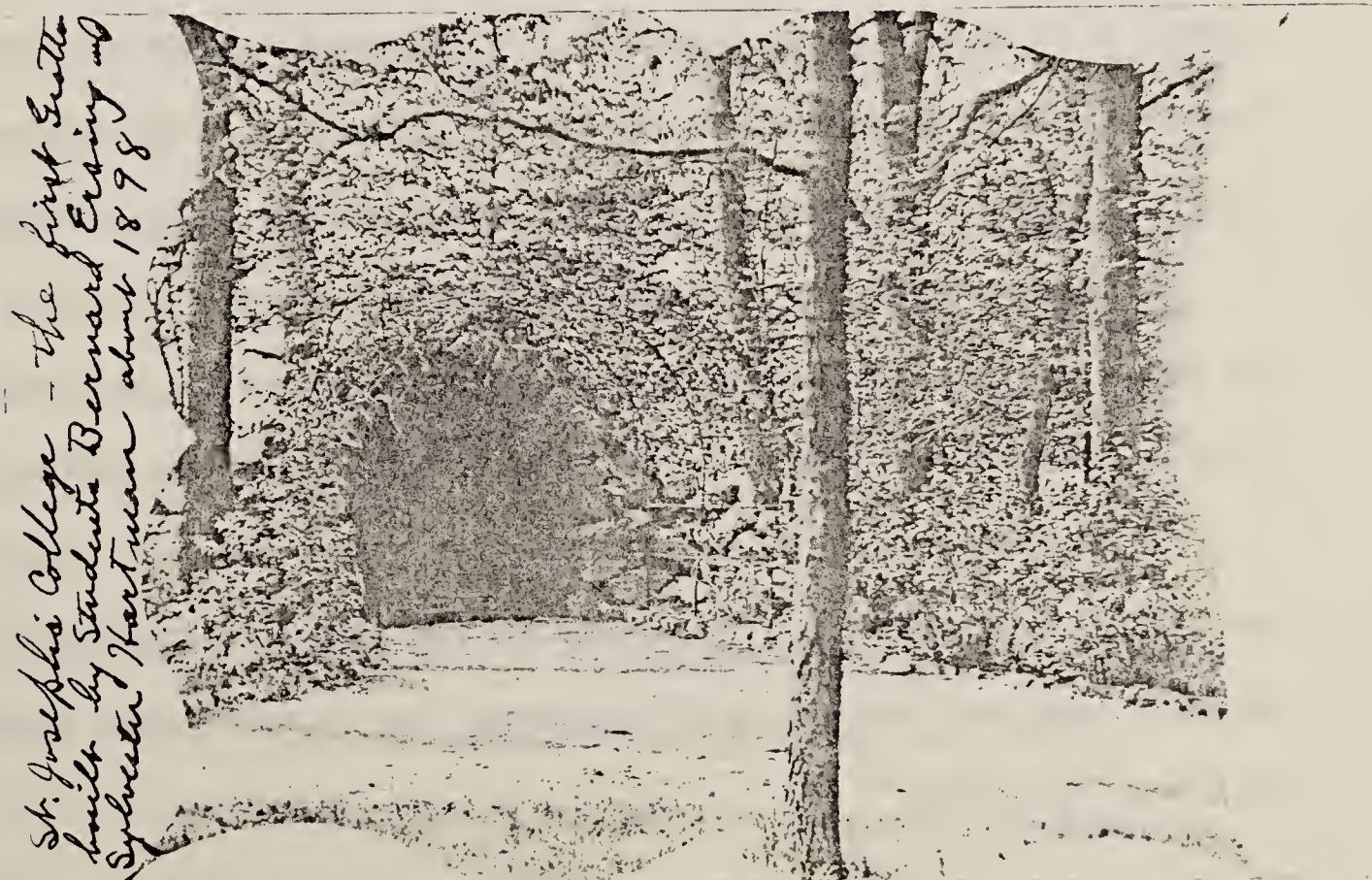
THE MAIN FEATURE ADDED IN THE ENLARGEMENT WAS AN INTERIOR CAVE, A TYPE OF CHAPEL REMINISCENT OF THE CATACOMBS. IN THE SANCTUARY WAS PLACED A KNEELING STATUE OF CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE. THIS STATUE OF CARRARA MARBLE WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DAPRATO STATUARY OF PIETRASANTA, ITALY.

FATHER BERNARD ERSING DEDICATED THE NEW GROTTO AND FATHER ILDEPHONSE RAPP GAVE THE DEDICATORY SERMON. HE TERMED THE GROTTO "A PLACE OF PRAYER AND INSPIRATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS."

ONE OF THE FEATURES OF THE NEW GROTTO WAS A PETRIFIED TREE STUMP THAT WAS SENT FROM HAGE, N.D., BY FATHER H.J. FRIEDEL, WHO OBTAINED IT FROM THE BADLANDS OF MEDORA, N.D., WHICH WAS THEN BEING CONVERTED INTO THE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK.

FINALLY, THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND THE LARGE BOULDER NEAR THE GROTTO WITH A BRONZE PLAQUE CONTAINING THE "MEMORARE" OF ST. BERNARD WERE ERECTED IN 1951 IN MEMORY OF NICHASOLAS I. BAECHLE, PARENT OF FATHER JOHN BAECHLE, FORMER PROFESSOR AT SAINT JOSEPH'S.

The "Old Grotto,"  
1898 to 1931.



*St. Joseph's College - the first Grotto  
built by Students Bernard Ersing and  
Sydney Hartmann about 1898*



SUBJECT: BUSY YEARS MAKE HAPPY MEMORIES, REPORTS SAINT JOSEPH'S BROTHER CLETUS

(FIRST IN A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- "TAKE IT FROM AN OLD-TIMER; THE BUSIER YOU ARE DURING YOUR LIFE, THE MORE PLEASANT AND HAPPY WILL BE YOUR MEMORIES IN YOUR LATER YEARS."

SPEAKING IS A MAN WHO SHOULD KNOW: BROTHER CLETUS SCHEUER, AN ASTUTE, SPRY MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WHO HAS SERVED SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AND THE SOCIETY WITH DEDICATED DISTINCTION FOR THE PAST 56 YEARS.

BROTHER CLETUS, NOW SEMI-RETIRED AT 79 YEARS OF AGE, RESIDES IN A COMFORTABLE, ATTRACTIVE SCHWIETERMAN HALL ROOM AND HE'S IN CHARGE OF KEEPING SUPPLIES IN THE DOWNSTAIRS LOUNGE UPDATED.

A NATIVE OF MONTEREY, IND., BROTHER CLETUS WAS FIRST TOLD OF SAINT JOSEPH'S BY FATHER BRUNO SOENGEN, A MISSIONARY PASTOR WHO SERVED ST. ANN'S PARISH THERE. HE CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S IN 1914 AS A THIRD-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, STUDIED UNTIL 1916, AND RETURNED AGAIN IN JUNE, 1920.

HE WAS PROFESSED AS A BROTHER IN 1923, ALTHOUGH STARTING WITH 1920, HE BEGAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OFFICE TRAINING HE HAD RECEIVED BY ATTENDING A SECRETARIAL SCHOOL IN CHICAGO BETWEEN 1916 AND 1920.

"I STARTED OUT AS AN OFFICE BOY--THE FIRST ONE THIS COLLEGE EVER HAD," BROTHER CLETUS RECALLS. "I WORKED IN THE OFFICE FOR BOTH FATHER IGNATIUS WAGNER, WHO WAS THEN COLLEGE PRESIDENT, AND FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER, WHO WAS THE TREASURER."

A HARD WORKER, BROTHER CLETUS APPROACHED HIS WORK WITH VIGOR AND DEDICATION. "FATHER MEINRAD KOESTER, AN EARLY AND RESPECTED ENGLISH TEACHER OF MINE ALWAYS SAID THAT A VOCATION IS LIKE A PLANTED SEED; IT WILL GROW WITH TIME AND THE GOOD LORD WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST," HE SAYS.

IN 1928, THEN-PRESIDENT FATHER JOSEPH KENKEL ASKED BROTHER CLETUS IF HE WOULD LIKE TO BE THE CAMPUS POSTMASTER.

"YOU TAKE A VOW OF OBEDIENCE, AND I TOLD FATHER KENKEL I'D GLADLY TRY IF HE WANTED ME TO, SO THIS STARTED A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS WHEN MOST OF THE STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS KNEW ME SIMPLY AS 'THE POSTMASTER BROTHER'," HE RECALLS. "THE POST OFFICE WAS THEN IN THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN FLOOR, AND THIS JOB PUT ME INTO DAILY CONTACT WITH PROBABLY EVERYONE ON CAMPUS."

BROTHER CLETUS BECAME A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF NEARLY EVERY STUDENT AND HE NOTES THAT "EVEN TO THIS DAY MANY OF MY DEEPEST FRIENDSHIPS WERE FORMED IN THAT POST OFFICE. BY SHOWING A LITTLE FATHERLY INTEREST IN THE STUDENTS, YOU'RE REPAID WITH A LASTING QUALITY OF SINCERE FRIENDSHIP."

HE MOVED ON TO SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY AT CARTHAGENA, OHIO, DURING 1938-39 TO SERVE AS CIRCULATION MANAGER OF THE MESSENGER, A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

BROTHER CLETUS RETURNED TO SAINT JOSEPH'S IN 1939 TO DO OFFICE WORK AND MANAGE THE POPULAR "J" CAFE IN THE BASEMENT OF GASPAR HALL DURING 1939-45. THEN IT WAS BACK TO SAINT CHARLES DURING 1945-49, WHEN HE WAS CIRCULATION MANAGER OF THE MESSENGER.

STUDENTS WHO ONCE KNEW BROTHER CLETUS AS THE "POSTMASTER BROTHER" RENewed ACQUAINTANCES WITH HIM DURING 1949-54 WHEN HE WORKED WITH FIRST FATHER CHARLES DAVITT AND THEN FATHER SYLVESTER LEY IN ALUMNI AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS PUBLICATIONS.



"IT WAS A LOT OF FUN TO GET BACK INTO ALUMNI AFFAIRS WHERE I HAD QUITE A FEW TIES," BROTHER CLETUS SAYS. "WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME WORKING ON CONTACT, THE ALUMNI PAPER, AND MUCH OF THE ENJOYMENT OF THIS WORK IS A CREDIT TO BOTH FATHER DAVITT AND FATHER LEY, TWO WONDERFUL FELLOWS."

DURING 1954-56, BROTHER CLETUS WORKED AGAIN IN THE CAMPUS POST OFFICE, AND IN 1956 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE SORROWFUL MOTHER SHRINE AT BELLEVIEW, OHIO, WHERE HE MANAGED A RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE AND MAINTAINED THE CHAPEL.

"THIS WAS A STRENUOUS ASSIGNMENT, BECAUSE YOU WORKED SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND ON NICE SUMMER DAYS THE SHRINE WOULD DRAW UPWARDS OF 3,000 PEOPLE FROM INDIANA, OHIO, MICHIGAN AND ELSEWHERE," BROTHER CLETUS NOTES. "I WORKED HERE UNTIL 1971 AND LIVED AT ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH NEAR THE SHRINE, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1848."

HIS YEARS OF SEMI-RETIREMENT SINCE 1971 HAVE BEEN HAPPY ONES. HE CELEBRATED HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN 1973 AND NOW HAS TIME TO RELAX AND PURSUE A FEW LEISURELY HOBBIES THAT INCLUDE WATCHING OF PLENTY OF SPORTS.

"I MAY EVEN TRY A LITTLE SQUIRREL HUNTING THIS YEAR, AND I REALLY ENJOY TAKING EVENING SUMMER WALKS ON THE CAMPUS," HE SAYS. "YOU KNOW, I WAS BORN A POOR FARM BOY, AND I'M GLAD OF IT. IT HAS HELPED ME TO GENUINELY COMMUNE WITH NATURE AND ENJOY THE RICHNESS THAT LIFE SENDS YOUR WAY."

SUBJECT: BROTHER CLETUS PUTS SJC ATHLETICS IN PERSPECTIVE

(SECOND IN A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES)

By CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL MANAGER LEO DUROCHER HAS BECOME FAMOUS FOR HIS BOOK NICE GUYS FINISH LAST, BUT YOU'D HAVE TO REVERSE THAT TITLE AND PUT THE NICE GUYS FIRST IF YOU'RE RATING THE TOP ATHLETIC COACHES IN THE HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

THAT'S THE WAY BROTHER CLETUS SCHEUER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S PUTS COLLEGEVILLE ATHLETICS IN PERSPECTIVE, AND THIS IS A MAN WHO HAS KEENLY OBSERVED SJC ATHLETIC TEAMS FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.

ONE OF HIS LESSER-KNOWN JOBS DURING 1921-38 WAS THAT OF SPORTS PUBLICIST FOR ALL COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEAMS, AND WHEN HE WASN'T TURNING OUT LIVELY, INFORMATIVE GAME STORIES, HE WAS GETTING TO KNOW COACHES AND PLAYERS AS CLOSE, PERSONAL FRIENDS.

"BASKETBALL WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE SPORT, AND WE'VE HAD SOME REALLY FINE COACHES THROUGH THE YEARS HERE," BROTHER CLETUS RECALLS. "I'D HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH A MAJORITY OF OUR ALUMNI IN THE JUDGMENT THAT JOE DIENHART WAS OUR FINEST BASKETBALL COACH EVER; HE WAS A GENIUS IN GETTING THE MAXIMUM OUT OF HIS PLAYERS' TALENT AND OUTCOACHING THE OTHER TEAM.

"AND RIGHT BEHIND HIM I CAN'T FORGET JIM HOLSTEIN--A REAL DANDY MAN, A MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE COACH AND A SUPERIOR STRATEGIST. AND DON'T LET ME OVERLOOK THE OTHER TWO MOST DISTINCTIVE COACHES WE'VE HAD: DICK SCHARF, WHO I CALL 'KID,' HAS BROUGHT NOTHING BUT HONOR AND RESPECT TO OUR ATHLETIC



PROGRAM, AND FATHER ALBIN SCHEIDLER, WHOSE EARLY BASKETBALL TEAMS WERE THE MOST CONSISTENT WINNERS WE EVER HAD."

COLD FACTS STRONGLY SUPPORT BROTHER CLETUS' VERSION. DIENHART'S PRE-WORLD WAR II EXPERTISE IN BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL IS UNMATCHED IN SJC HISTORY, HOLSTEIN WON MORE GAMES THAN ANY SJC HARDWOOD COACH AND HAS NO EQUAL IN RECENT YEARS, SCHARF COACHED THE SCHOOL'S FIRST INDIANA COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS IN THE EARLY FIFTIES, AND FATHER SCHEIDLER'S .672 WINNING PERCENTAGE DURING 1911-25 MAKES HIM A CLEAR-CUT LEADER IN THIS DEPARTMENT.

"WHAT'S MORE, EACH OF THESE MEN EARNED WIDESPREAD RESPECT FOR THEMSELVES BOTH ON AND OFF THE FLOOR OF COMPETITION--THEY WERE HONEST, TRUE GENTLEMEN," BROTHER CLETUS SAYS. "AND WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THIS, BECAUSE NOT ALL COACHES FIT THIS DESCRIPTION. A SCHOOL THAT HAS SELFLESS, DEDICATED COACHES INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING ATHLETES AS MEN, TEACHING SOLID PRINCIPLES AND EARNING RESPECT FOR THE COLLEGE IS FORTUNATE INDEED."

PLAYING AND WATCHING SPORTS HAS BEEN AND STILL IS A MAJOR DIVERSION FOR BROTHER CLETUS. AFTER HELPING BUILD COLLEGEVILLE'S TENNIS COURTS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE FIELDHOUSE, HE TOOK UP TENNIS AND PLAYED MANY HOURS WITH THE LATE BROTHER JOHN MARLING--A CLASSIC MATCHUP OF LEFTHANDERS.

"IT WAS NO PICNIC TO MOVE THE CLAY FROM THE IROQUOIS RIVER TO LAY THESE COURTS BY ANY MEANS, SO TAKING UP TENNIS WAS ONE WAY TO GET SOME BENEFIT FROM THIS LABOR," HE CHUCKLES.

A MEMORABLE TENNIS HIGHLIGHT FOR BROTHER CLETUS IS THE TIME HE PLAYED AGAINST JACK STAMBAUGH, THE DOUBLES PARTNER OF GEORGE LOTT, ONE OF THE TOP U.S. PLAYERS BEFORE WORLD WAR II.

COMPARING BASKETBALL PAST AND PRESENT, HE SAYS "THE BIGGEST CHANGE

I'VE SEEN IS IN THE PLAYERS THEMSELVES. THEY'RE BIGGER, STRONGER AND QUICKER, BUT ALL OF THEM DON'T HAVE THAT INTENSE DESIRE TO EXCEL YOU USED TO SEE. AND AT SOME SCHOOLS, AN ELEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM HAS DEPRIVED THE GAME OF ITS FORMER AMATEUR NATURE."

BROTHER CLETUS RANKS ALPHONSE AND BERNIE HOFFMAN, PLUS NEAL MOSSER, AS THE TOP EARLY-ERA BASKETBALL PLAYERS HE'S SEEN AT COLLEGEVILLE, AND HE ADDS JIM THORDSEN OF RECENT YEARS TO THIS LIST.

"IT WAS A LOT OF WORK, BUT ALSO A LOT OF FUN TO WRITE GAME STORIES IN THOSE EARLIER YEARS," HE RECALLS. "I CAN STILL REMEMBER SOME PRETTY COLD NIGHTS WHEN I'D WALK MY STORY INTO TOWN SO LEFTY CLARK WOULD HAVE IT RIGHT AWAY AT THE RENSSELAER REPUBLICAN."

BETWEEN HIS YEARS OF OFFICE WORK, POSTAL WORK AND SPORTS PUBLICITY, TYPEWRITERS HAVE BEEN AMONG THE CLOSEST COMPANIONS OF BROTHER CLETUS. "IF I HAD A PENNY FOR ALL THE TYPEWRITER KEYS I HAVE STRUCK, WE WOULDN'T NEED TO TAKE UP MUCH OF A COLLECTION IF WE WANTED TO HAVE A NEW BUILDING," HE SAYS.

SUMMARIZING HIS YEARS IN THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, BROTHER CLETUS SAYS HE'S HAD A VERY FULL AND HAPPY LIFE. "SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HAS NOT ONLY SURVIVED BUT PROSPERED BECAUSE OF THE LABOR OF LOVE GIVEN IT BY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED IT," HE NOTES. "I'VE WALKED THE PATHS OF THIS CAMPUS SINCE 1914 AND HAVE TAKEN GREAT PLEASURE IN THE PROGRESS OF THIS SCHOOL. ANYONE WHO'S BEEN HERE A WHILE CAN'T POSSIBLY LOVE ANY PLACE MORE THAN SAINT JOSEPH'S."



SUBJECT: 47 YEARS OF HARD WORK SPELLS L-O-V-E FOR SAINT JOSEPH'S

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — LONG HOURS OF HARD WORK HAS BEEN A WAY OF LIFE FOR BROTHER HENRY LUKE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, AND IT'S ONE OF SEVERAL REASONS WHY THIS PERSONABLE GENTLEMAN HAS WON SO MUCH RESPECT AND SO MANY FRIENDS ON THE CAMPUS DURING THE PAST 47 YEARS.

A NATIVE OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BROTHER HENRY FIRST HEARD OF SAINT JOSEPH'S THROUGH A MISSIONARY PRIEST, FATHER ALEX SCHUETTE, WHO SERVED WOOSTER'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH THERE IN THE EARLY 1900'S. BROTHER HENRY FIRST ENTERED THE NOVITIATE AT BURKETTSVILLE, OHIO, DURING 1917-20, THEN STUDIED AT SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY IN CHARTHAGENA, OHIO, DURING 1920-29.

IN 1929, BROTHER HENRY CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S AND HE'S BEEN HERE EVER SINCE. HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE COW BARN, A LARGE WHITE WOOD STRUCTURE THAT STOOD ROUGHLY WHERE HALLECK CENTER IS NOW LOCATED.

"I'D GET UP ABOUT 3 A.M. TO START MY WORKDAY, AND WE'D MILK THOSE COWS BY HAND," BROTHER HENRY RECALLS. "IT WOULD USUALLY TAKE US UNTIL ABOUT 9:30 TO FINISH THE MILKING, THEN I'D REST UNTIL NOON AND AFTER DINNER WOULD GO BACK TO WORK IN THE BARN UNTIL ABOUT 5 P.M."

NOW 77 YEARS OF AGE, BROTHER HENRY WAS JOINED IN HIS BARN CHORES BY TWO HIRED WORKMEN, FRED SCHUSTER AND EDDIE EFFINGER.

"I WORKED IN THE COW BARN FOR AT LEAST 18 YEARS, THEN ABOUT 1947 I WAS PUT TO WORK IN OUR CAMPUS PASTEURIZING PLANT FOR ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS, UNTIL 1954," HE EXPLAINS. "THEN FROM 1954 UNTIL 1965 I WORKED ON THE FARMS EAST AND WEST OF THE MAIN CAMPUS. ONE OF THE JOBS WAS FEEDING THE BEEF CATTLE

AND OF COURSE WE HAD MANY OTHER LITTLE CHORES TO TAKE CARE OF."

SINCE 1965, BROTHER HENRY HAS ASSISTED IN CAMPUS MAINTENANCE, WITH JOBS RANGING FROM LAWN MOWING TO KEEPING THE CARPETS IN SCHWIETERMAN HALL CLEAN. AND ON DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CROWDED CAMPUS WEEKENDS LIKE HOMECOMING AND THE LITTLE 500 GO-KART RACE, HE CAN BE FOUND HELPING TO CLEAN UP THE CAMPUS GROUNDS.

"I REALLY ENJOY MOWING, ALTHOUGH I HAVE HAD HIP, BACK AND LEG PAINS IN RECENT YEARS THAT HAVE REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF MOWING I CAN DO," HE RELATES. "NEVERTHELESS, I STILL HELP IN TRIMMING THE GRASS AND KEEPING THE WEEDS DOWN AROUND FENCES."

BROTHER HENRY HAS LIVED IN SCHWIETERMAN HALL SINCE IT WAS BUILT IN 1963, BUT HE STILL FONDLY RECALLS LIVING ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

"I WANT TO KEEP ON WORKING AS LONG AS I CAN, BECAUSE I AM VERY WELL SATISFIED AND HAPPY WITH BEING PART OF THIS COLLEGE COMMUNITY," HE SAYS. "REALLY, THERE ISN'T A THING I'D WANT THAT ISN'T ALREADY HERE AND I'VE BEEN TREATED VERY WELL BY EVERYONE HERE."

MAYBE THIS IS BECAUSE BROTHER HENRY, THROUGH HIS PERSONAL SPIRIT OF SELFLESS DEDICATION TO THE COLLEGE, HAS ALSO TREATED THE CAMPUS AND ITS PEOPLE VERY WELL.



SUBJECT: BROTHER LOUIS STOCK — A HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE TO SAINT JOSEPH'S

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — GOLF CARTS ARE A NORMAL SIGHT ON A GOLF COURSE, BUT SINCE THEY'RE NOT AN EVERYDAY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES, BROTHER LOUIS STOCK OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE IS AN EASY MAN TO SPOT.

"BROTHER LOUIE," AS HE IS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN BY STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS, IS OFTEN SEEN ON CAMPUS RIDING HIS CART, AND FREQUENT STOPS FOR A FRIENDLY CHAT ARE NOT UNCOMMON.

THOUGH THE GOLF CART IS NEW, HIS POPULARITY IS NOT, SINCE BROTHER LOUIE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SAINT JOSEPH'S FOR MOST OF THE PAST 51 YEARS. MOREOVER, HIS SERVICE HAS BEEN MARKED BY A SPIRIT OF LOYALTY AND DEDICATION, WITHOUT A DELUGE OF RECOGNITION.

"YOU GO ABOUT YOUR WORK, AND YOU DO IT QUIETLY AND EFFICIENTLY," HE EXPLAINS. "ACTUALLY, IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S, YOU'LL SEE THERE ARE A LOT OF PRIESTS AND BROTHERS WHO HAVE WORKED HERE MANY YEARS BECAUSE THEY LOVE THE SCHOOL. IT'S A WONDERFUL PLACE TO WORK."

BROTHER LOUIE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE COLLEGE BOOK BINDERY SINCE 1967, WHEN FATHER JAMES MCCABE, THEN HEAD LIBRARIAN, ASKED HIM TO ASSUME THESE DUTIES. THE BINDERY, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SCIENCE HALL BASEMENT, REPAIRS LIBRARY BOOKS (PRIMARILY HARDBOUND BOOKS) AND BINDS PAPERS AND RECORDS FOR A VARIETY OF CAMPUS OFFICES, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, COLLEGE ARCHIVES AND SECURITY OFFICE.

BROTHER LOUIE'S WORK IN THE BINDERY, HOWEVER, COMES AFTER A VARIETY OF OTHER SERVICES HE HAS PERFORMED THROUGH THE YEARS. HE FIRST CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S AS A STUDENT DURING 1926-31, FOLLOWING TWO YEARS AT ST. MARY'S

SEMINARY IN BURKETTSVILLE, OHIO.

A 67-YEAR-OLD NATIVE OF ST. JOSEPH, MO., BROTHER LOUIE WAS FIRST TOLD OF SAINT JOSEPH'S BY HIS LOCAL PARISH PRIEST. "FATHER LOUIS HEFELE WAS PASTOR OF OUR PARISH AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, AND HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD," BROTHER LOUIE RECALLS. "HE SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND ENCOURAGED ME TO COME HERE. AND I'VE NEVER REGRETTED MY DECISION TO FOLLOW HIS ADVICE."

AFTER SPENDING 1931-32 AT THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SOCIETY'S ST. CHARLES SEMINARY IN CARTHAGENA, OHIO, BROTHER LOUIE RETURNED TO SAINT JOSEPH'S DURING 1932-61. TWO OF HIS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE YEARS WAS SERVING AS AN ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF STUDENTS AND AS ASSISTANT PREFECT IN THE FORMER SAINT JOSEPH'S ACADEMY DURING 1932-44.

HE WAS ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF THE BROTHER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AT BRUNNERDALE SEMINARY IN CANTON, OHIO, DURING 1961-65, THEN AGAIN RETURNED TO SAINT JOSEPH'S TO WORK IN THE CHEMISTRY STOCK ROOM DURING 1965-67 BEFORE TAKING CHARGE OF THE BINDERY IN 1967.

"WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE, THIS WAS REALLY A SMALL COLLEGE WHERE EVERYONE KNEW EVERYONE," BROTHER LOUIE NOTES. "STILL TODAY, THIS SMALL-COLLEGE ATMOSPHERE IS ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S MOST ATTRACTIVE FEATURES. AND TALK ABOUT UNITY--THE INTRAMURAL ATHLETIC PROGRAM, FEATURING TEAMS OF ACADEMY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS--THIS REALLY BUILT UP A SENSE OF BELONGING."

SAINT JOSEPH'S PHYSICAL SETTING IS ANOTHER ATTRACTIVE ITEM, HE BELIEVES. "WE'RE LITTERALLY OUT IN THE OPEN, IN A RURAL AREA, BUT THIS IS A PLUS IN TODAY'S WORLD OF METROPOLITAN AREAS THAT GET STILL BIGGER EVERY YEAR," HE SAYS. "AND AFTER WORKING SEVERAL YEARS HERE ON THE LAWN GANG, I CAME TO REALIZE THAT WE HAVE A REALLY BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS."

BROTHER LOUIE REGARDS COEDUCATION AS THE BIGGEST CHANGE HE'S WITNESSED



AT SAINT JOSEPH'S. THE COLLEGE HAD BEEN AN ALL-MALE INSTITUTION FOR MORE THAN 75 YEARS BEFORE WOMEN STUDENTS TOOK UP ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1968.

"THIS CERTAINLY CHANGED OUR CAMPUS APPEARANCE, AND I THINK IT MADE THE GUYS MORE CONSCIOUS OF NEAT APPEARANCE ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS," HE SAYS.

"ANOTHER THING THAT IMPRESSES ME ABOUT TODAY'S STUDENTS: THEY'RE VERY AMBITIOUS AND CAREER-ORIENTED. REQUIRED STUDY PERIODS ARE NOW A THING OF THE PAST, BUT THE CURRENT STUDENTS KNOW HOW TO GET THEIR WORK DONE."

IN HIS SPARE TIME, BROTHER LOUIE LIKES TO READ, SWIM, PLAY PING-PONG AND WATCH TELEVISION, ESPECIALLY SPORTS.

"AND DON'T LEAVE OUT THAT I LIKE TO RIDE ON MY GOLF CART; SOME PEOPLE ON THE CAMPUS PROBABLY WOULDN'T KNOW ME WITHOUT THE CART," HE CONCLUDES.



CPPS Brothers at the college, 1953.



SUBJECT: HENTSCHELS TO MARK 25TH YEAR AT SAINT JOSEPH'S TOMORROW

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BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — "TO LIVE FREE OF FEAR; TO LIVE IN PEACE; TO BE ABLE TO GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT UNWORRIED ABOUT A KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT—THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS THINGS IN LIFE," SAYS GERTRUDE HENTSCHEL.

"SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE HAS BECOME A PART OF US; IT ISN'T JUST A PLACE TO GO TO WORK, BUT IT HAS BECOME A LARGE PART OF OUR LIVES AND A PLACE THAT DESERVES OUR DEEPEST LOYALTY," ADDS ALFRED HENTSCHEL.

BEHIND THOSE COMMENTS FROM THE HENTSCHELS LIE A STIRRING TALE OF HUMAN SUFFERING, SEARCHING FOR A BETTER WAY OF LIFE, AND FINALLY FINDING IT HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD HERE IN RURAL INDIANA.

COME TOMORROW, THE HENTSCHELS WILL CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT RENSSELAER AND SAINT JOSEPH'S, AND BOTH OF THEM DON'T HESITATE TO TERM THESE YEARS THE HAPPIEST OF THEIR LIVES.

THE ALFRED AND GERTRUDE HENTSCHEL STORY IS BEST TOLD IN TWO PARTS: FIRST, THEIR HARROWING EXPERIENCES OF FIGHTING, FLEEING AND EVENTUAL IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES AS THEIR NATIVE GERMANY CRUMBLLED BEFORE THE ALLIES AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II, AND SECONDLY, THEIR HAPPIER EXPERIENCES HERE IN THE U.S.

SINCE THEIR ANNIVERSARY IS BASED ON THE LAST 25 YEARS, LET'S COVER THIS ASPECT FIRST. THE HENTSCHELS, PLUS SONS INGO AND WOLFRAM, SAILED FROM GERMANY TO THE U.S. ON JAN. 19, 1952, AND ARRIVED AT NEW YORK HARBOR SEVERAL DAYS LATER. THEIR ORIGINAL SPONSOR IN IMMIGRATION WAS THOMAS HEIMAN



OF CANTON, OHIO, A RELATIVE OF FATHERS AMBROSE AND LAWRENCE HEIMAN OF SAINT JOSEPH'S.

AFTER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK, HOWEVER, THE HENTSCHELS WERE INFORMED THAT THEY HAD LOST THEIR SPONSOR AND WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL ANOTHER COULD BE FOUND. "I HAD ONE GERMAN PENNY IN MY POCKET, PLUS A WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN TO SUPPORT, AND FOR A WHILE THIS SEEMED LIKE THE LOWEST POINT OF MY LIFE," ALFRED RECALLS.

CARED FOR BY THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE COUNCIL, THE HENTSCHELS STAYED IN NEW YORK FOR A WEEK UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF GOOD NEWS: THEY WOULD LEAVE FOR CHICAGO BY TRAIN THE NEXT DAY BECAUSE THEY NOW HAD A SPONSOR-- FATHER JOSEPH OTTE, THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

"A MAN AT THE TRAIN STATION IN CHICAGO WAS THE FIRST ONE TO TELL US THAT FATHER OTTE WOULD BE OUR SPONSOR, AND WE WERE MET AT THE STATION BY FATHER ALVIN BURNS AND FATHER JOSEPH HILLER OF SAINT JOSEPH'S," ALFRED RECALLS. "WE ARRIVED AT SAINT JOSEPH'S ON FEB. 9, 1952; IT WAS A FRIDAY, AND UNDER TERMS OF OUR IMMIGRATION, WE WOULD WORK AT SAINT JOSEPH'S FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, THEN WOULD BE FREE TO MAKE UP OUR MINDS CONCERNING WHAT TO DO AFTER THAT."

AS IT TURNED OUT, THE HENTSCHELS NEVER GAVE MUCH THOUGHT TO LEAVING. "WE STAYED AT THE CAMPUS INFIRMARY FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED, THEN WE GOT AN APARTMENT IN RENSSELAER AND MOVING IN THERE WAS JUST LIKE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS ALL OVER AGAIN," GERTRUDE SAYS. "WE WERE TREATED EXTREMELY WELL BY EVERYONE AND I ENJOYED EVERYTHING, INCLUDING SHOPPING, BECAUSE THINGS HERE SEEMED SO INEXPENSIVE COMPARED WITH EUROPEAN PRICES; WHY, WE COULD GET A DOZEN EGGS FOR JUST 33 CENTS."

ALFRED BEGAN WORKING IN SAINT JOSEPH'S CARPENTRY SHOP IN 1952 AND HE STAYED THERE UNTIL FEBRUARY, 1974, WHEN HE WAS NAMED SJC'S SUPERINTENDENT

OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. IN SEPTEMBER OF 1952, GERTRUDE BEGAN WORKING IN THE CAMPUS LAUNDRY AND ALSO TYPED PAPERS FOR FATHER ALVIN DRUHMAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH.

GERTRUDE BECAME THE SECRETARY FOR FATHER WALTER PAX IN THE ACADEMIC DEAN'S OFFICE IN 1953 AND CONTINUED WORKING THERE FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS UNDER SUBSEQUENT DEANS FATHER EDWARD MAZIARZ AND FATHER DONALD BALLMANN. SHE WORKED PART-TIME AT THE COLLEGE DURING 1965-67, THEN WAS SECRETARY IN THE GUIDANCE AND PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENTS FROM 1967-73. SHE WAS NAMED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF GUIDANCE IN 1973 AND CONTINUED IN THIS CAPACITY UNTIL RETIRING LAST JUNE.

"WE DIDN'T FEEL THE FUTURE WOULD BE TOO BRIGHT FOR US IN GERMANY, AND WE CAME TO THE UNITED STATES SEEKING TO FIND A NEW HOME AND TO OFFER OUR CHILDREN A BETTER FUTURE," ALFRED EXPLAINS. "AND WE CERTAINLY FOUND ALL WE HAD HOPED FOR HERE; WE BECAME AMERICAN CITIZENS IN AUGUST, 1957, AND HAVE NEVER REGRETTED COMING TO THIS COUNTRY OR TO SAINT JOSEPH'S. WE HAVE HAD A VERY GOOD LIFE HERE."

LOOKING BACK ON HER YEARS AT SJC, GERTRUDE SAYS "THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FIRE OF 1973 HAD TO BE THE SADDEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE HERE; I WORKED IN THAT BUILDING FOR SO MANY YEARS AND ALFRED BUILT SO MUCH OF THE FURNITURE THERE. I DON'T THINK LEAVING GERMANY MADE ME AS SAD AS THAT FIRE."

BUT SHE READILY ADDS "SAINT JOSEPH'S PULLED US OUT OF THE DEEPEST MISERY OF OUR LIVES AND FOR THIS WE WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL."

THE STORY OF THAT MISERY, OF THE HECTIC DAYS IN GERMANY DURING AND JUST AFTER WORLD WAR II, WILL BE TOLD IN THE SECOND ARTICLE IN THIS SERIES.



SUBJECT: WAR, IMMIGRATION WERE NO EASY TIME FOR HENTSCHELS

(SECOND IN A SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES)

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. — WORLD WAR II TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN VARYING DEGREES, AND SOME OF THAT CONFLICT'S STRONGEST IMPACT HIT HOME FOR ALFRED AND GERTRUDE HENTSCHEL, LEADING ULTIMATELY TO THEIR IMMIGRATION FROM GERMANY TO THE UNITED STATES, RENSSELAER AND SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

HOW THEY CAME TO SAINT JOSEPH'S WAS TOLD IN THE FIRST ARTICLE IN THIS SERIES, BUT POSSIBLY EVEN MORE FASCINATING IS THE STORY OF THEIR SCRAMBLED LIVES IN GERMANY DURING THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE WAR AND THEIR ANXIOUS MOMENTS WHILE SEEKING TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES.

ALFRED IS A NATIVE OF NEISSE, GERMANY AND GERTRUDE'S HOME IS OPPELN, TOWNS LOCATED ABOUT 25 MILES APART IN WHAT IS NOW EAST GERMANY. THEY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SPRING OF 1938, WHEN ALFRED WAS STATIONED ALONG WITH A GARRISON OF THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES AT OPPELN.

MARRIED IN NOVEMBER OF 1939, ALFRED CONTINUED TO SERVE IN THE GERMAN ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II WHILE GERTRUDE LIVED IN OPPELN. THEIR FIRST SON, INGO, WAS BORN IN 1942 AND THE EARLY WAR YEARS WERE RELATIVELY UNEVENTFUL FOR THE HENTSCHELS UNTIL 1944, WHEN ALFRED WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION.

NOT KNOWING WHERE ALFRED WAS, GERTRUDE, WITH INGO, WAS FORCED TO FLEE OPPELN ON JAN. 19, 1945, AS THE TOWN WAS THREATENED BY THE APPROACHING RUSSIAN TROOPS. PREGNANT WITH HER SECOND CHILD, SHE WENT FIRST TO NEISSE AND THEN FLED FURTHER VIA REFUGEE TRAIN TO DRESDEN, THE NIGHT BEFORE THAT

CITY WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED BY BOMBING.

SUBSEQUENTLY GERTRUDE FLED FURTHER WEST TO LEIPZIG AND FINALLY TO ALFRED'S SISTER'S HOME AT WITTENBERG, WHERE ON FEB. 23, 1945, A SECOND SON, WOLFRAM, WAS BORN.

"AT THIS TIME, I STILL KNEW NOTHING OF ALFRED'S WHEREABOUTS, AND I SENT A LETTER TO HIM, TELLING OF THE BIRTH OF OUR SECOND SON," SHE RECALLS. "BUT THEN IN APRIL OF 1945 IT BECAME NECESSARY TO FLEE WITTENBERG, AGAIN BECAUSE OF THE ADVANCING RUSSIAN FRONT."

GERTRUDE AND HER SONS MADE IT AS FAR AS A VILLAGE ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER MULDE. SHE LIVED IN THIS VILLAGE ABOUT A WEEK, BUT UNITED STATES' TROOPS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER TOLD THE GERMAN CITIZENS THEY COULD NOT CROSS THE RIVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT MADE BY THE ALLIES.

"BEFORE THE RUSSIANS ARRIVED, AMERICAN SOLDIERS SHARED THEIR FOOD RATIONS WITH WE CITIZENS, BUT WHEN THE RUSSIANS ARRIVED, THEY TOLD US TO RETURN TO WITTENBERG, THEN NEXT WE WERE ALLOWED TO GO BACK TO OPPELN," SHE SAYS. "BUT BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER'S ILLNESS, WE REMAINED IN WITTENBERG WHERE I WORKED IN A RUSSIAN KITCHEN IN EXCHANGE FOR A DAILY POT OF SOUP."

ALFRED HAD SUFFERED HIP AND INTERNAL INJURIES WHEN HE WAS WOUNDED, AND HAD BEEN A PRISONER OF WAR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. "I PRAYED A NOVENA WHEN I WAS A PRISONER, PROMISING THAT IF I EVER GOT OUT OF THERE, I WOULD VISIT A SHRINE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN EACH YEAR IN THANKFULNESS," HE RECALLS.

HIS PRAYERS WERE SOON ANSWERED, BECAUSE HIS RUSSIAN CAPTORS DETERMINED HIS WAR INJURIES WERE TOO SEVERE TO MAKE HIM USEFUL AS A LABORER IN VARIOUS POLISH MINES (THIS WAS THE FATE OF MANY GERMAN PRISONERS), AND THEY RELEASED HIM AS A PRISONER ON SEPT. 2, 1945.

"WHEN ALFRED FIRST SAW ME, HE DIDN'T ASK HOW I WAS OR HOW THE CHILD-



REN WERE OR HOW WE HAD MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE WAR," SHE SAYS. "INSTEAD, THE ONLY THING HE SAID WAS 'THEY CUT MY HAIR' — HE HAD ALWAYS HAD LONG, CURLY BLOND HAIR, AND THIS WAS THE FIRST THING THAT CAME TO HIS MIND WHEN HE SAW ME."

INCIDENTALLY, ALFRED REGIOUSLY HAS KEPT HIS PROMISE TO VISIT A SHRINE TO MARY EACH YEAR IN THANKFULNESS FOR HIS RELEASE AS A PRISONER OF WAR.

FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF, ALFRED WORKED FIRST AT THE OPTICAL COMPANY IN ZEISS, THEN AS A CABINET MAKER IN JENA, WHERE HE SHARPENED WOODWORKING SKILLS HE HAS EMPLOYED SO EXCELLENTLY AT SAINT JOSEPH'S. THEN IN JANUARY, 1947, HE FLED TO THE WEST GERMAN TOWN OF PORZ, WHERE HE WORKED IN A GLASS FACTORY. GERTRUDE SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED HIM AT PORZ IN MAY, 1947.

"I DECIDED TO GO TO WEST GERMANY AFTER THE RUSSIANS TOLD US THEY WERE MOVING THE OPTICAL COMPANY AND ALL ITS PERSONNEL TO RUSSIA," ALFRED EXPLAINS. "I DIDN'T WANT TO GET UPROOTED AND SENT TO RUSSIA."

AFTER WORKING IN PORZ FOR FOUR YEARS, ALFRED AND GERTRUDE DECIDED TO ACT ON A DREAM THEY HAD NURTURED FOR SEVERAL YEARS--APPLYING FOR IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

"WE COULD NOT HAVE APPLIED, UNDER RULES AT THAT TIME, IF I HAD FOUGHT ON THE WESTERN FRONT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND ALLIED TROOPS," ALFRED RELATES. "BUT I HAD SERVED ON THE EASTERN FRONT AGAINST RUSSIA, SO IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. WAS INDEED POSSIBLE."

THE HENTSCHELS APPLIED FOR IMMIGRATION IN 1951 THROUGH THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE, AND THIS TOUCHED OFF NINE HECTIC MONTHS OF RED TAPE--FORMS TO FILL OUT, QUESTIONS TO ANSWER, TESTS TO TAKE.

THEY UNDERWENT THREE WEEKS OF EXTENSIVE EXAMINATIONS IN HAMBURG, INCLUDING SECURITY CHECKS REGARDING THEIR POLITICAL LOYALTIES. THEY PASSED THEIR TESTS AND THEIR PAPERS WERE SENT TO MUNICH.

"WE WERE TOLD TO SIMPLY WAIT FOR A TIME TO BE CLEARED FOR DEPARTURE TO THE UNITED STATES," GERTRUDE RECALLS. "THEN THREE DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN 1951 WE RECEIVED A LETTER TELLING US TO REPORT TO AN IMMIGRATION CAMP AT BREMEN.

"WE REPORTED TO THIS CAMP ON NEW YEAR'S EVE IN 1951, AND EVERYONE THERE WAS VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THEIR HEALTH, BECAUSE SICKNESS MIGHT PREVENT YOUR LEAVING WHEN TIME CAME. SOME OF THE OFFICIALS THERE EXAMINED US FOR FLAT FEET; NATURALLY, WE PRESUMED THAT THERE MUST BE NO ONE WITH FLAT FEET IN THE UNITED STATES."

AFTER WHAT SEEMED TO BE A NEVER-ENDING WAIT, THE HENTSCHELS WITH SONS INGO AND WOLFRAM LEFT BREMEN BY U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT ON JAN. 19, 1952. THEIR NEXT STOP WOULD BE NEW YORK CITY, AND BY FEB. 9, THE LONG JOURNEY WOULD END AT RENSSELAER AND SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, WHERE A NEW, HAPPIER AND MORE PROSPEROUS LIFE AWAITED THEM.



SUBJECT: FATHERS GILBERT, RUFUS ESSER REACH THAT "IDEAL TIME OF LIFE"

BY CHUCK SCHUTTROW

RENSSELAER, IND. -- IDEALLY SPEAKING, IT'S HARD TO BEAT A LIFE OF RETIREMENT IN WHICH THE RETIREE CAN RELAX, DO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO, AND REFLECT ON A LIFETIME OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORIES.

THAT TIME HAS COME AT SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR BOTH FATHER GILBERT ESSER AND FATHER RUFUS ESSER, WHO CAN NOW DESERVEDLY SHARE THE MEMORIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF 105 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE PRIESTHOOD.

THEY HAVE BEEN WITH THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AS STUDENT CANDIDATES AND THEN MEMBERS A TOTAL OF 130 YEARS.

THERE ARE MANY ADVANTAGES IN LIFE THESE DAYS FOR THE ESSER BROTHERS, OF WHICH SENTIMENTAL REASONS MAY BE THE GREATEST. "WE HAVE OUR MEMORIES AND WE HAVE EACH OTHER," FATHER GILBERT, NOW 80, SAYS.

HE JOINED HIS BROTHER AT SAINT JOSEPH'S IN MAY OF 1976, FOLLOWING TWO YEARS OF SERVICE AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR AT PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH IN FORT WAYNE, IND.

FATHER RUFUS, NOW 78, OFFICIALLY RETIRED AT THE END OF THE 1974-75 ACADEMIC YEAR, BUT HE CONTINUED TEACHING AN ART COURSE THROUGH APRIL, 1976.

"WE MADE A MUTUAL ARRANGEMENT TO RETIRE HERE TOGETHER," FATHER RUFUS EXPLAINS. "AND BEING HERE TOGETHER IS JUST GREAT--I LIKE TO BE AROUND THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE'RE BOTH FREE TO TAKE PART IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AS MUCH AS WE CARE TO; ALSO WE HAVE OUR MANY FACULTY CONFERRERS ABOUT US."

SCHWIETERMAN HALL'S THIRD FLOOR IS HOME TO THE ESSER BROTHERS. "WE LIVE JUST FAR ENOUGH APART TO KEEP PEACE IN THE FAMILY," FATHER RUFUS CHUCKLES.

"WHETHER IT'S GOING FOR A WALK, WATCHING TELEVISION OR SHOPPING DOWNTOWN, IT'S MORE FUN TO DO IT TOGETHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY," FATHER GILBERT SAYS.

SAINT JOSEPH'S FIRST CAME INTO THE LIFE OF FATHER GILBERT IN 1912 WHEN HE CAME HERE AS A STUDENT; FATHER RUFUS JOINED HIM HERE IN 1914. FATHER GILBERT GRADUATED IN 1918 AND FATHER RUFUS ONE YEAR LATER.

"WE SPENT SOME TIME TOGETHER AS STUDENTS, BUT NOT TO AN UNUSUALLY GREAT EXTENT," FATHER RUFUS RECALLS. "GILBERT'S CAMPUS WORK WAS ON THE PAINT GANG, PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY FOUND OUT HERE THAT OUR DAD WAS A HOUSE PAINTER, AND HE ALSO WORKED AS A STUDENT STAGE MANAGER UNDER FATHER RAPP. I WAS A STUDENT LIBRARIAN THROUGHOUT MY UNDERGRADUATE YEARS HERE."

FATHER GILBERT'S ORDINATION CAME IN 1924; THAT OF FATHER RUFUS ONE YEAR LATER.

FATHER GILBERT TAUGHT FOR FIVE YEARS AT THE PREPARATORY SEMINARY OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN BURKETTSVILLE, OHIO; STUDIED AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA (WASHINGTON, D.C.) IN 1929-30, WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE; THEN TAUGHT LATIN, GREEK AND THEOLOGY AT SAINT JOSEPH'S DURING 1930-58. FATHER GILBERT WAS CHAPLAIN IN A SISTERS' CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS CONVENT FOR EIGHT YEARS AFTER 1958 AND WAS CHAPLAIN IN A DETROIT HOSPITAL FOR SEVEN. HE THEN SERVED AT A FORT WAYNE PARISH BEFORE RETIRING TO SAINT JOSEPH'S.

HE HELD ADDITIONAL DUTIES DURING THESE YEARS, SUCH AS CIVILIAN CHAPLAIN IN 1935-41 AT CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CAMPS NEAR MEDARYVILLE AND MONON, IND.

FATHER GILBERT WAS AWAY FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S DURING WORLD WAR II AS AN ARMY CHAPLAIN (HE RETIRED IN RESERVE IN 1956 AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL) THEN DURING 1947-54 HE INHERITED THE ADMINISTRATION OF PARISHES AT MEDARYVILLE AND FRANCESVILLE, IND.



"AT FIRST, I JUST HELPED OUT ON SUNDAYS THERE, BUT AFTER ABOUT A YEAR, FATHER JOHN HOSINSKI TOOK ILL AND HE TOLD ME 'IF YOU DON'T TAKE CHARGE OF THESE PARISHES, NOBODY WILL'," FATHER GILBERT RECALLS.

"WHAT I REMEMBER BEST IS THAT PEOPLE IN BOTH PARISHES WANTED NEW CHURCHES TO REPLACE THEIR AGING WOODEN ONES, SO WE STARTED A SERIES OF PLAYS, RAFFLES AND SO FORTH TO RAISE THE NECESSARY FUNDS. ST. HENRY'S NEW CHURCH AT MEDARYVILLE WAS DEDICATED IN 1951 AND ST. FRANCIS SOLANO AT FRANCESVILLE WAS DEDICATED ONE YEAR LATER."

HE RECALLS THE NEW CHURCHES AS HIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THERE, PLUS HIS ASSISTANCE DURING THE MEDARYVILLE CENTENNIAL IN 1953. HE WROTE THE 100-YEAR HISTORY FOR THE TOWN AND THE SCRIPT FOR A WEEK-LONG PAGEANT THAT WAS PLAYED BEFORE 4000 PEOPLE THAT SUMMER.

FATHER RUFUS STANDS AS AN INSTITUTION IN HIS OWN RIGHT AT SAINT JOSEPH'S. HE TAUGHT 51 YEARS (1925-76) ON THE CAMPUS, THE ALL-TIME SJC RECORD OF LONGEVITY IN FACULTY SERVICE.

IN ADDITION TO TEACHING, HE ALSO HELD VARIOUS CAMPUS DUTIES; ONE OF HIS MOST ENJOYABLE WAS THAT OF LIBRARIAN DURING 1928-33. DURING 1931-36 HE WAS ALSO PREFECT OF DISCIPLINE, THEN WAS DEAN OF STUDIES IN 1936-37 AND PRESIDENT DURING PART OF 1937.

THOUGH AFTER A SICK SPELL HIS EXTRACURRICULAR DUTIES DWINDLED FOR A WHILE, THERE SOON FOLLOWED A SERIES OF RESPONSIBILITIES: SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD (1943-45), SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE (1945-47), VICE-PRESIDENT (1947-50), SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (1947-65), CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMANITIES DIVISION (1946-56), CHAIRMAN OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT (1959-64) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HANDBOOK AND TENURE COMMITTEE (1963-72).

THUS THE ESSER BROTHERS HAVE LIVED A TOTAL OF NEARLY 90 YEARS ON SAINT JOSEPH'S CAMPUS ALONE AS INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS. FATHER RUFUS REFLECTS

"CERTAINLY I ENJOYED MY TEACHING HERE THE MOST--THE RELATIONS WITH STUDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS HAVE BEEN MOST ENJOYABLE."

HE RECALLS HIS DUTIES AS DEAN OF STUDIES AS BEING QUITE IMPORTANT. "THE COLLEGE WAS GETTING READY TO BECOME A FOUR-YEAR SENIOR COLLEGE AT THIS TIME, AND MY WORK WAS AT THE CENTER OF THIS TRANSITIONAL PROCESS--JUST BEING A PART OF WHAT WAS GOING ON--THAT'S WHAT MEANT A LOT TO ME."

MOTIVATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS REGARDED AS AN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL ITEM IN SUCCESSFUL TEACHING, AND THE ESSER BROTHERS READILY SHARE THEIR TECHNIQUES OF MOTIVATION.

"I ALWAYS REMINDED MY STUDENTS THAT THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE FUTURE, AND MUST KEEP THEIR ULTIMATE GOALS IN MIND," FATHER GILBERT SAYS. "TODAY'S STUDENT IS TOMORROW'S PROFESSIONAL, AND COLLEGE IS A GOOD INDICATOR OF WHAT DEGREE OF SUCCESS WILL FOLLOW LATER IN LIFE."

FATHER GILBERT ALSO REMEMBERS HIS DAYS IN THE PREPARATORY SEMINARY WHEN SOME OF HIS FELLOW STUDENTS WOULD BECOME DEPRESSED, POSSIBLY WONDERING IF ALL THE STUDY AND WORK WAS WORTH IT. "I'D JUST GIVE THEM A LITTLE SMILE AND SAY 'COME ON, GUYS, WE'VE ONLY 11 AND HALF MORE YEARS OF STUDY TO GO.'"

"ANOTHER THING WAS THAT I ALWAYS TREATED MY STUDENTS WELL, BECAUSE THEY WOULD SOON BE MY FELLOW PRIESTS, OR EVEN PROVINCIAL OR GENERAL SUPERIOR" HE ADDS.

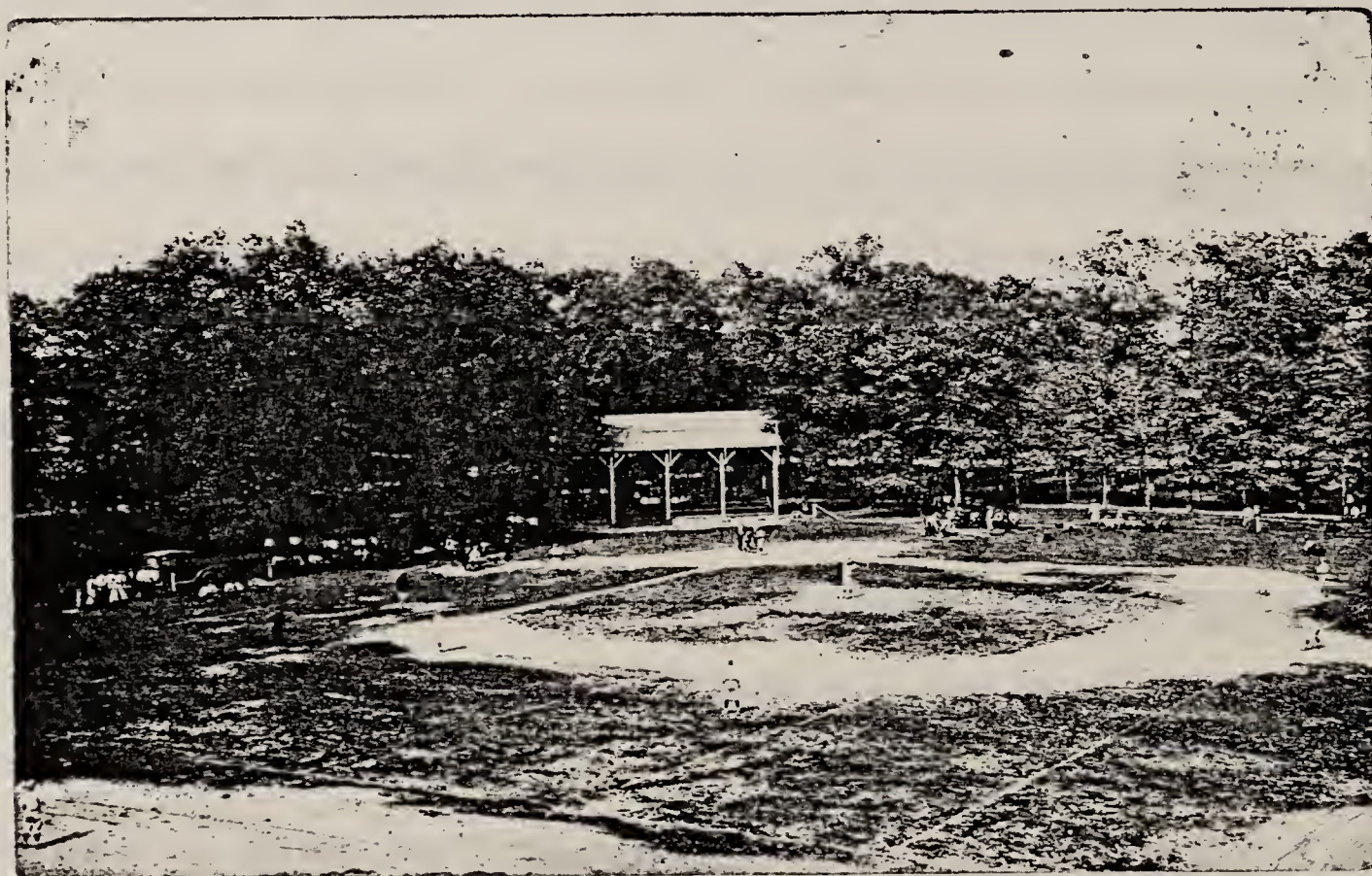
APPROXIMATELY 25 CURRENT ON-CAMPUS PRIESTS ARE FORMER STUDENTS OF FATHER GILBERT; NEARLY ALL OF THOSE NOW ON CAMPUS WERE ONE-TIME STUDENTS OF FATHER RUFUS.

"I FOUND THE BEST WAY TO MOTIVATE STUDENTS WAS TO SHOW THEM I WAS MYSELF ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AND INTERESTED IN MATERIAL FOR A GIVEN COURSE," FATHER RUFUS SAYS. "IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU TEACH, YOU CAN PASS THIS INTEREST ALONG TO STUDENTS."



HE ADDS THAT HE'S A STRONG BELIEVER IN THE USE OF VISUAL AIDS AND STRESSES "A TEACHER HAS TO BE DEDICATED AND WILLING TO WORK HARD IF HE EXPECTS HIS STUDENTS TO FIT THIS SAME PRESCRIPTION."

"WE'VE BEEN VERY HAPPY IN PERFORMING THE JOBS WE'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO OVER THE YEARS," FATHER GILBERT SUMMARIZES. "THE TEACHING, THE PARISH WORK AND THE OTHER DUTIES HAVE BEEN LARGELY REWARDING, AND NOW THESE YEARS IN RETIREMENT—CALL THEM YEARS IN RESERVE IF YOU WISH—ARE GENUINELY HAPPY ONES."



Baseball field east of Science Hall as it looked between 1910 and 1920 when the Essers were students.





